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WITH

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AND OTHER

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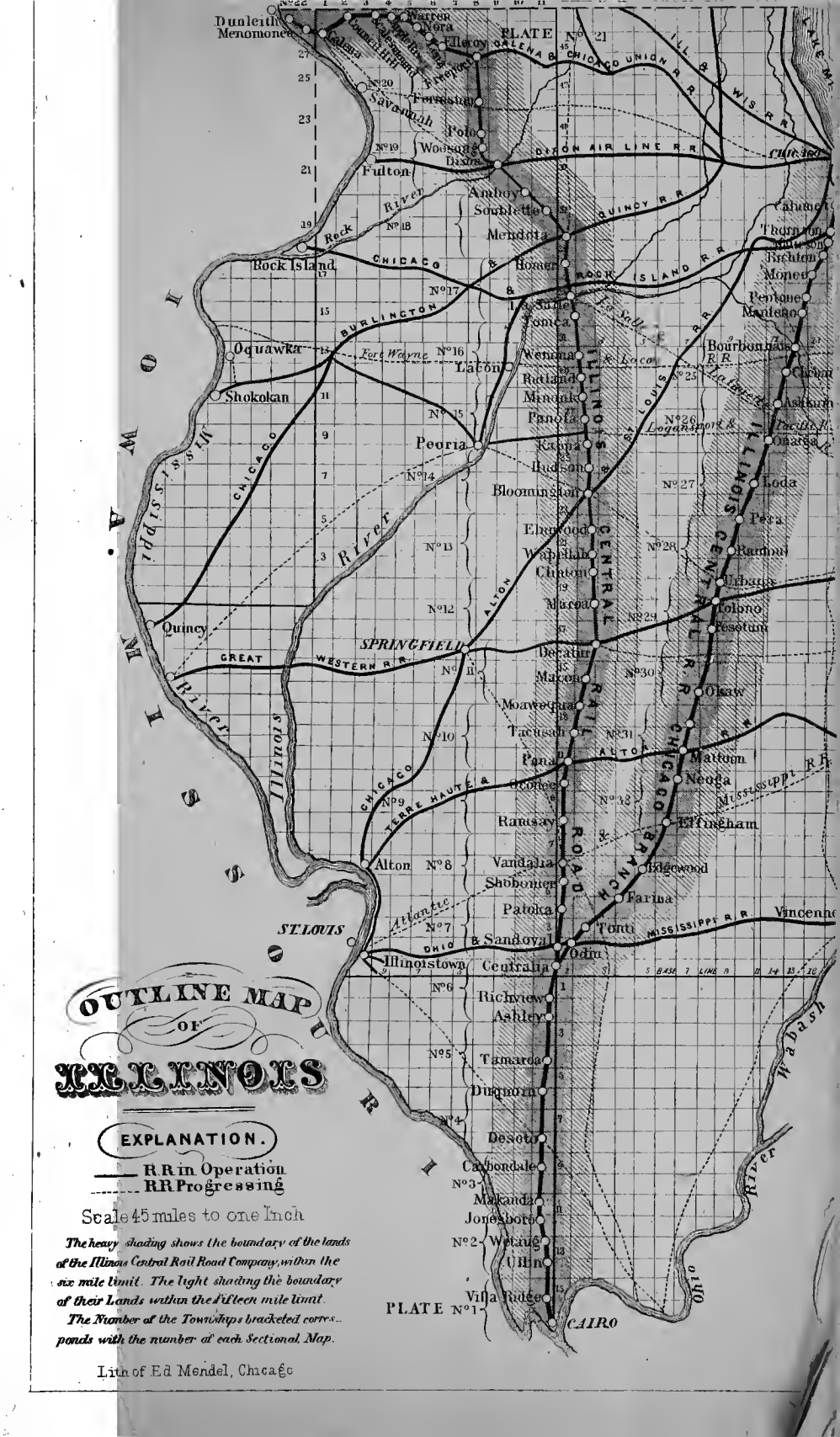
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Mississippi R R
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CAIRO CITY. At the Jnuctiou of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers; Terminus of the Road. Rapidly improving. From ten to twenty Steamboats constantly running or discharging freights. Country back, heavily timbered with Poplar, Oak, Cotton-Wood, Gum, Elm, Cypress. &c., &c The shaded tracts indicate the Central Rail Road Lands. Those cross-shaded have been sold by the Company.

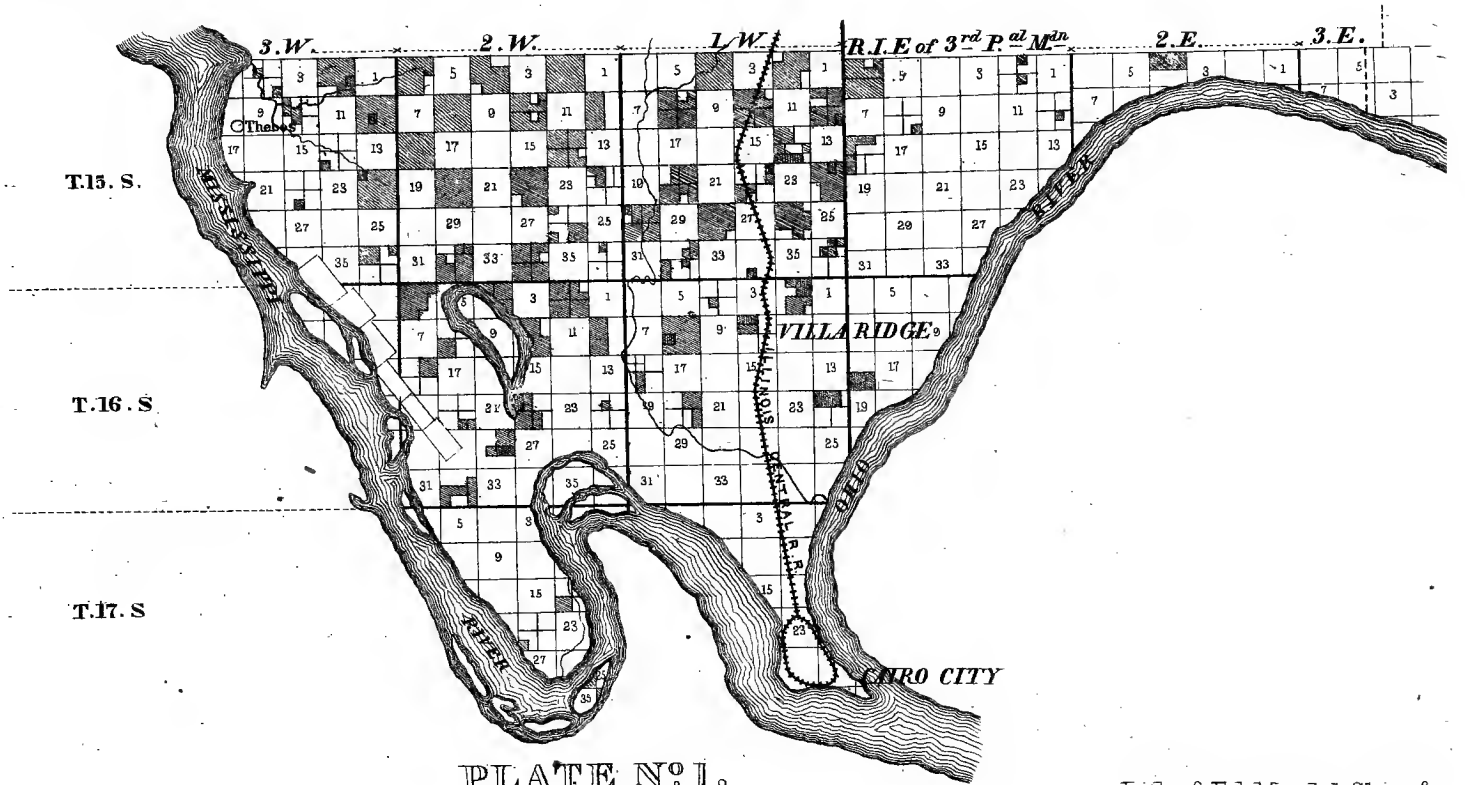

PLATE No 1.

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JONESBORO. County seat; population 1200. High rolling land from Ullin north to Jonesboro; heavily timbered with Beach and Cotton-Wood, interspersed with well-improved farms. Wheat growing in this part of the State is of a very superior quality; ripens in May. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

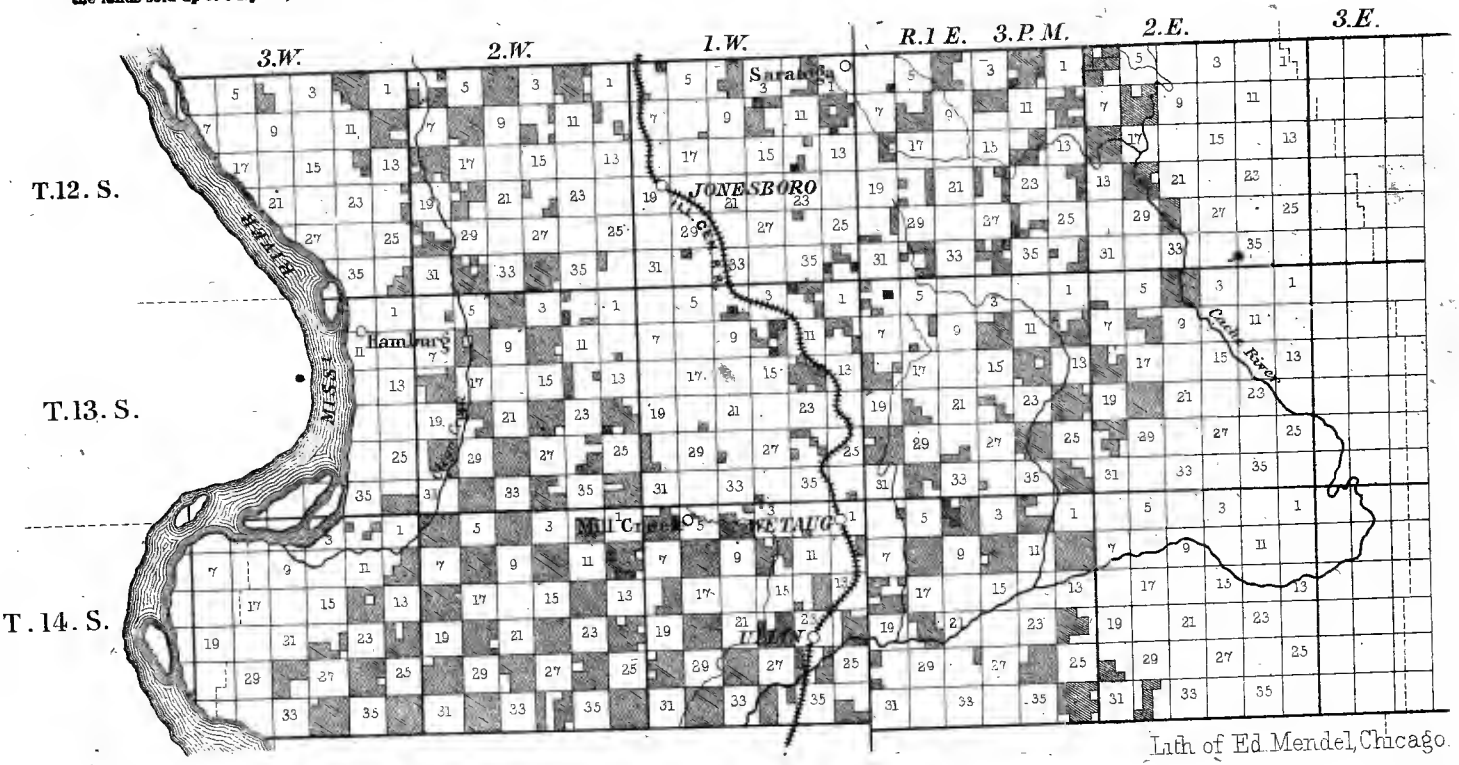

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PLATE No 2.

BROWNSVILLE, MURPHYSBOROUGH, BANBRIDGE, MAKANDA, TOLEDO. A fine timbered country, covered with Gum, Poplar, Sugar Tree, Mulberry, Oak and Ash. The coal found at Duquoin, Desoto, and Murphysborough is supposed to underlay this region. Watered by the Big Muddy River, Dewey's Creek and branches. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

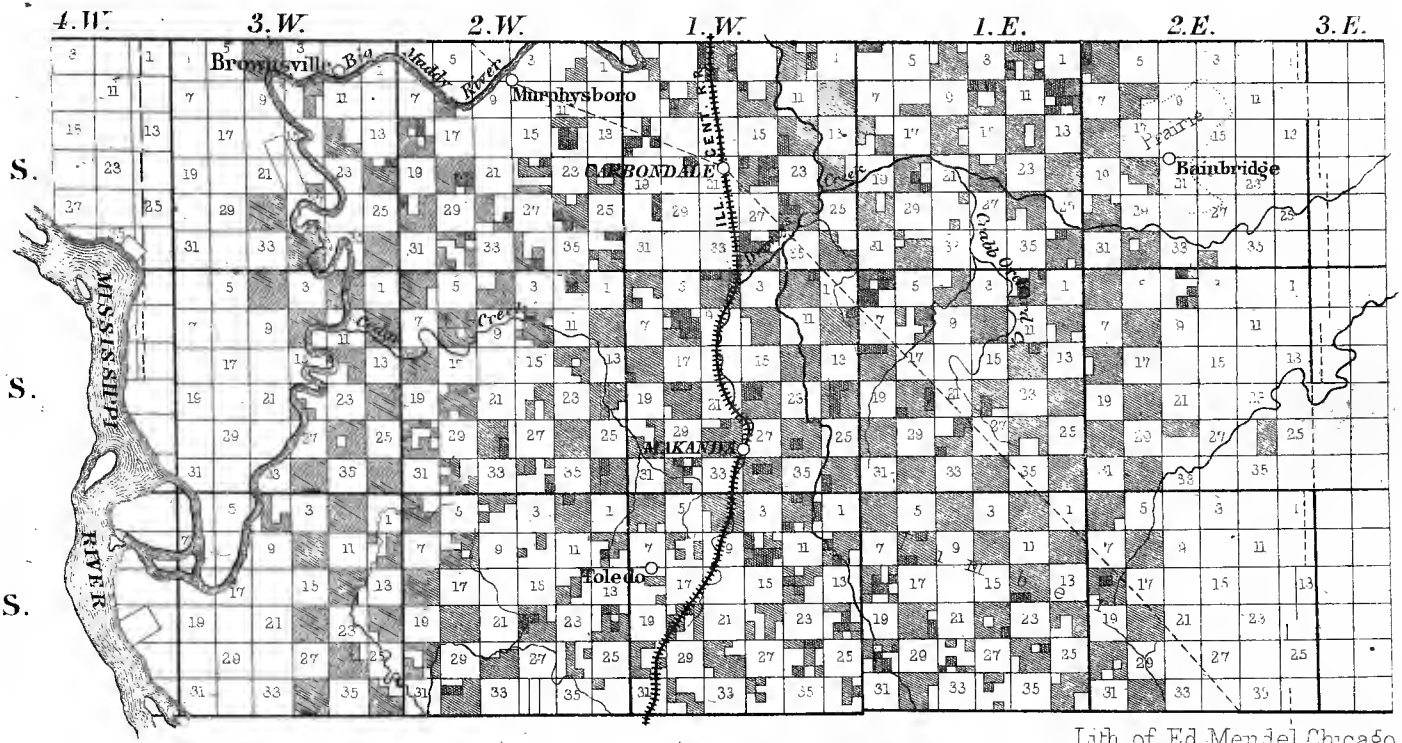

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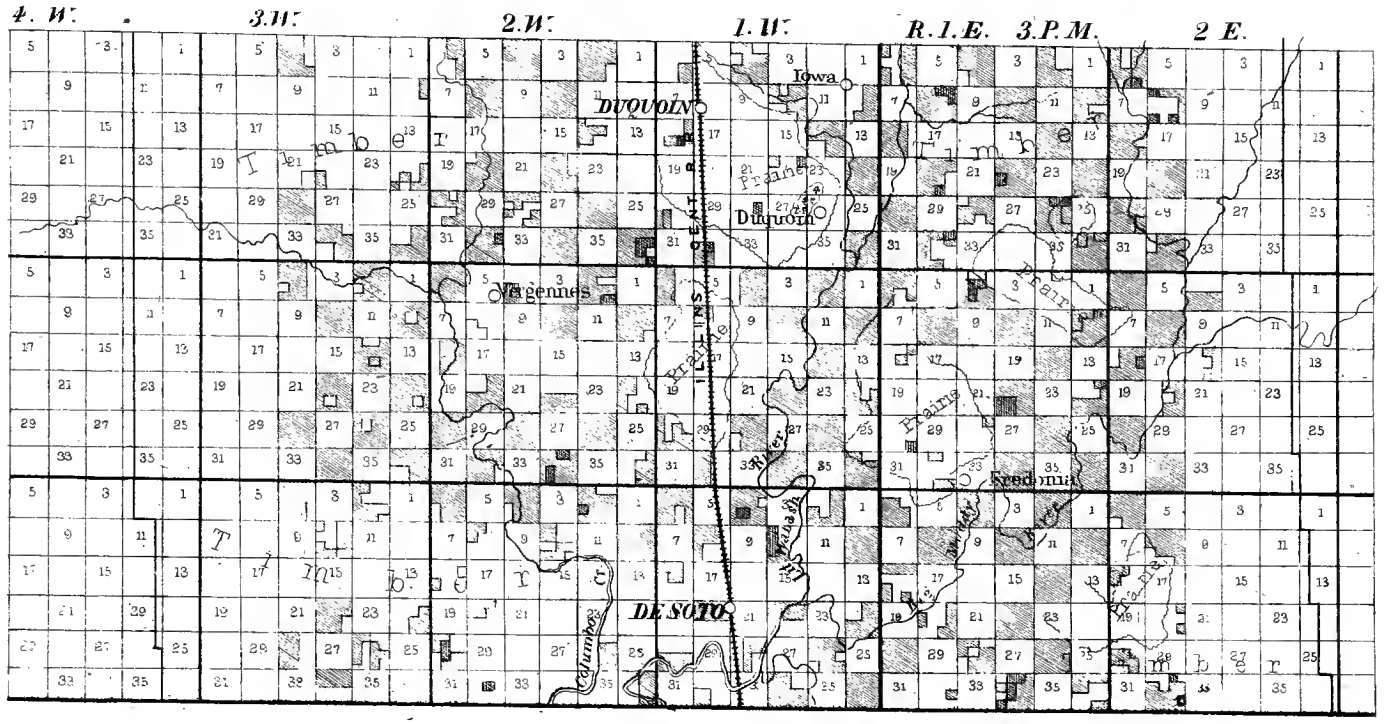
PLATE No. 3.

DUQUOIN, VERGENNES, DESOTO. The centre of the Coal region. At Duquoin it is mined thirty feet from the surface. Fine, open prairie, interspersed with Walnut, Oak, Sugar tree, &c. &c. Excellent farming lands. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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TAMAROA. Northern terminus of the coal field. About an equal quantity of timber and prairie. Mt. Hawkins a short distance from the railroad. Country well adapted to cultivation; watered by the Big Muddy River and branches. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1858.

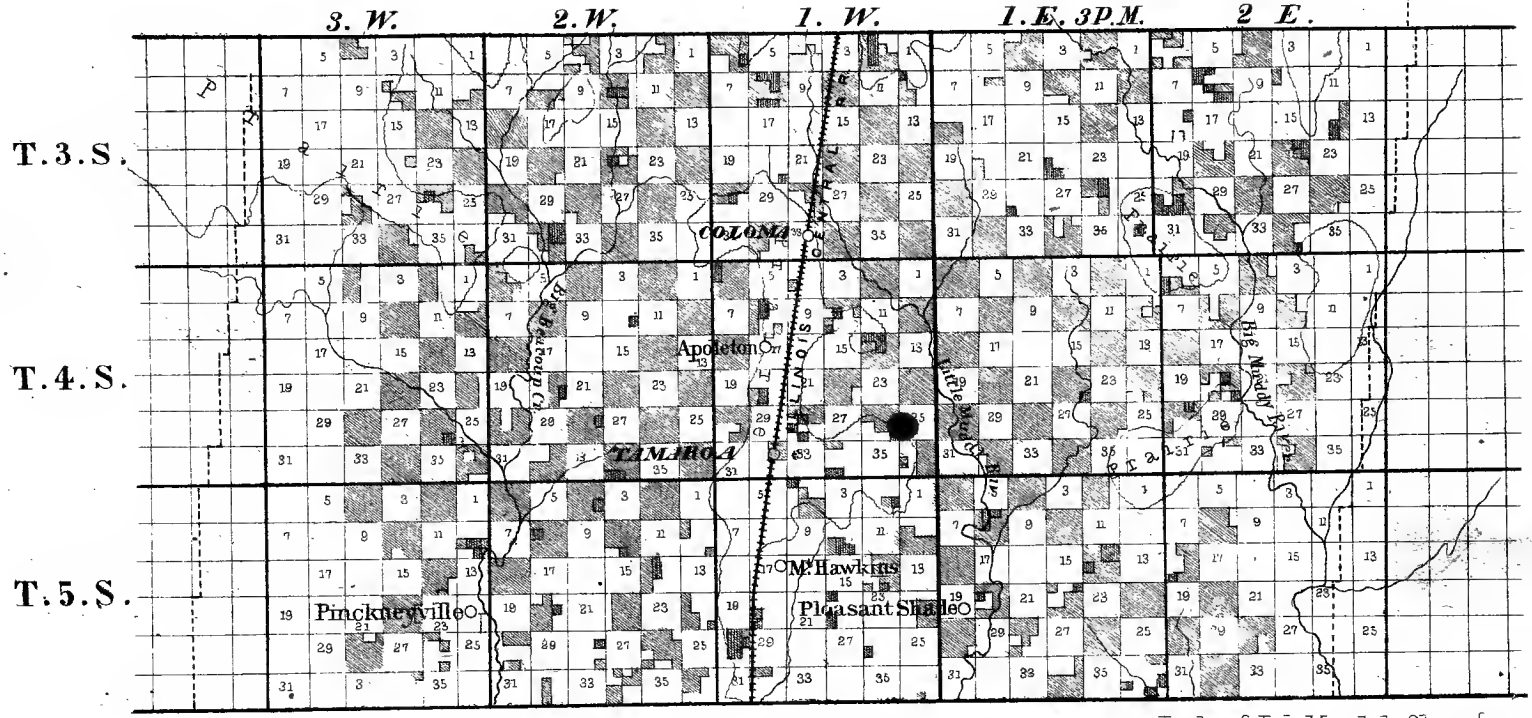

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PLATE No. 5.

CENTRALIA, RICHVIEW and DUBOIS STATIONS. Centralia destined to be a large town; the Company's work shops are located here. The country is gently rolling prairie; well watered by many streams. Nashville and Mt. Vernon on the edge of the 15 mile limit. Richmond, a town of about 500 inhabitants. Prairie more rolling and interspersed with fine groves of Oak, Ash, &c., as you proceed north. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

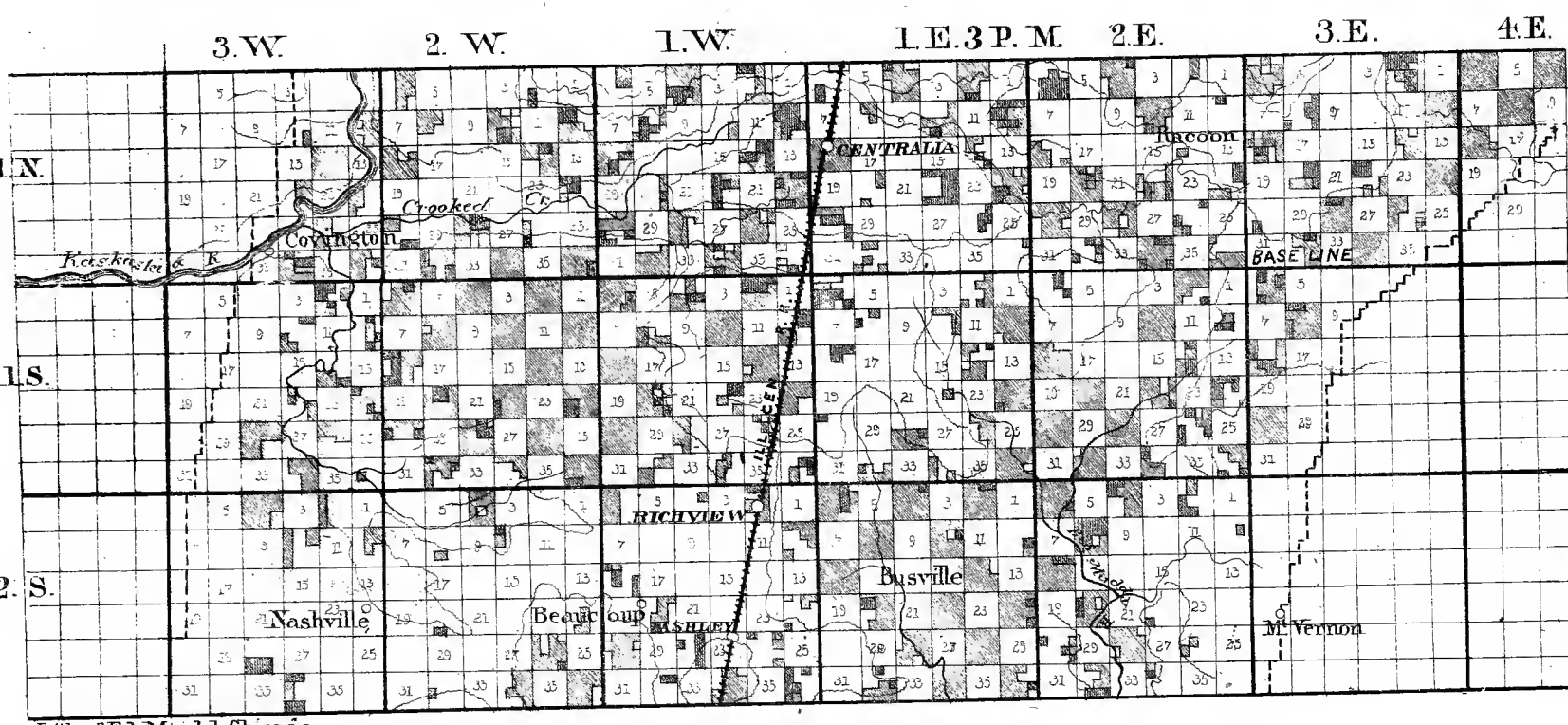

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PLATE N°6

PATOKA, SANDOVAL, SALEM, LOUISVILLE, CARLISLE. Country well watered and interspersed with fine open prairie and groves of timber. Sandoval, the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad with the Illinois Central Railroad, connecting St. Louis and Cincinnati. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1858.

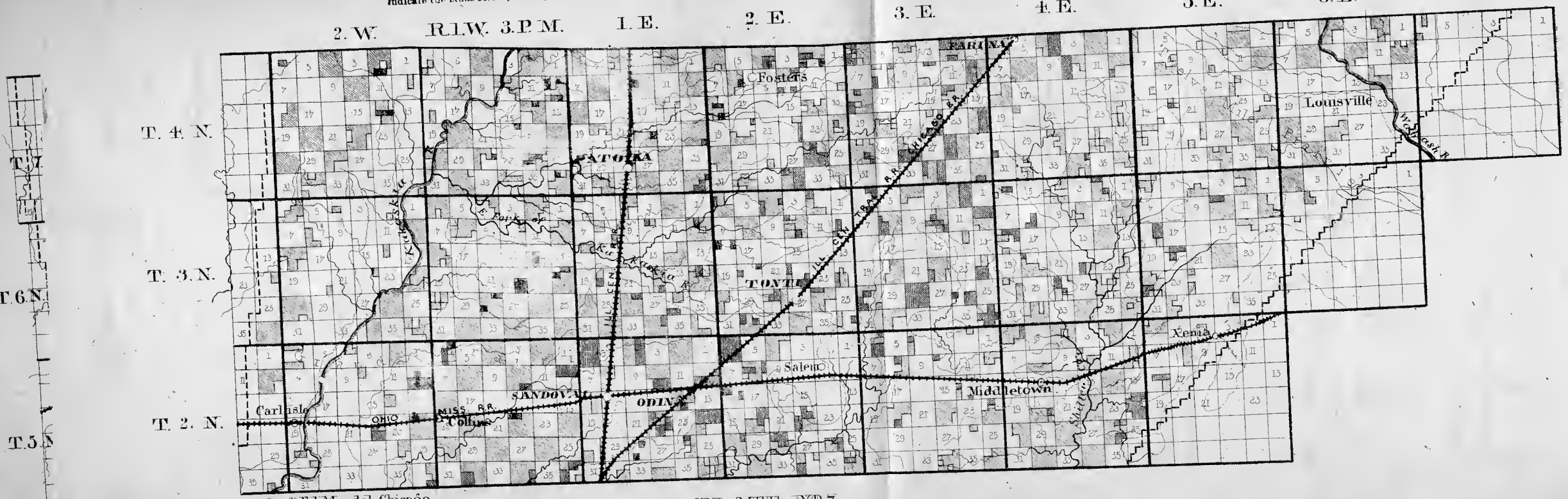

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PLATE No 7

VANDALIA, EDGEWOOD, EWINGTON. The branch and main line of the Railroad. Well timbered with Oak, Hickory, &c., interspersed with almost the same quantity of prairie. The country is well watered. Climate exceedingly mild. Winters short. Cattle thrive on the prairie for 9 or 10 months in the year. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

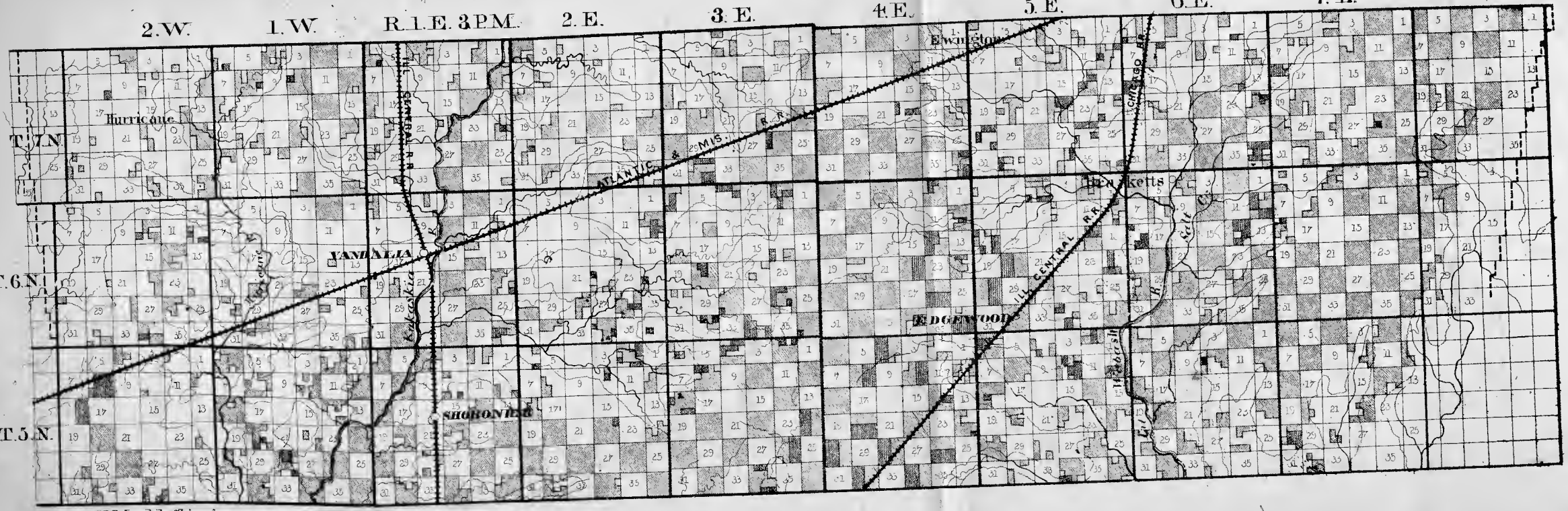

PLATE No. 8

OCONEE and RAMSEY. Level and rolling prairie land, interspersed with groves of timber, and well watered. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad intersects the Company's lands in the North West, in the vicinity of fine prairies. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

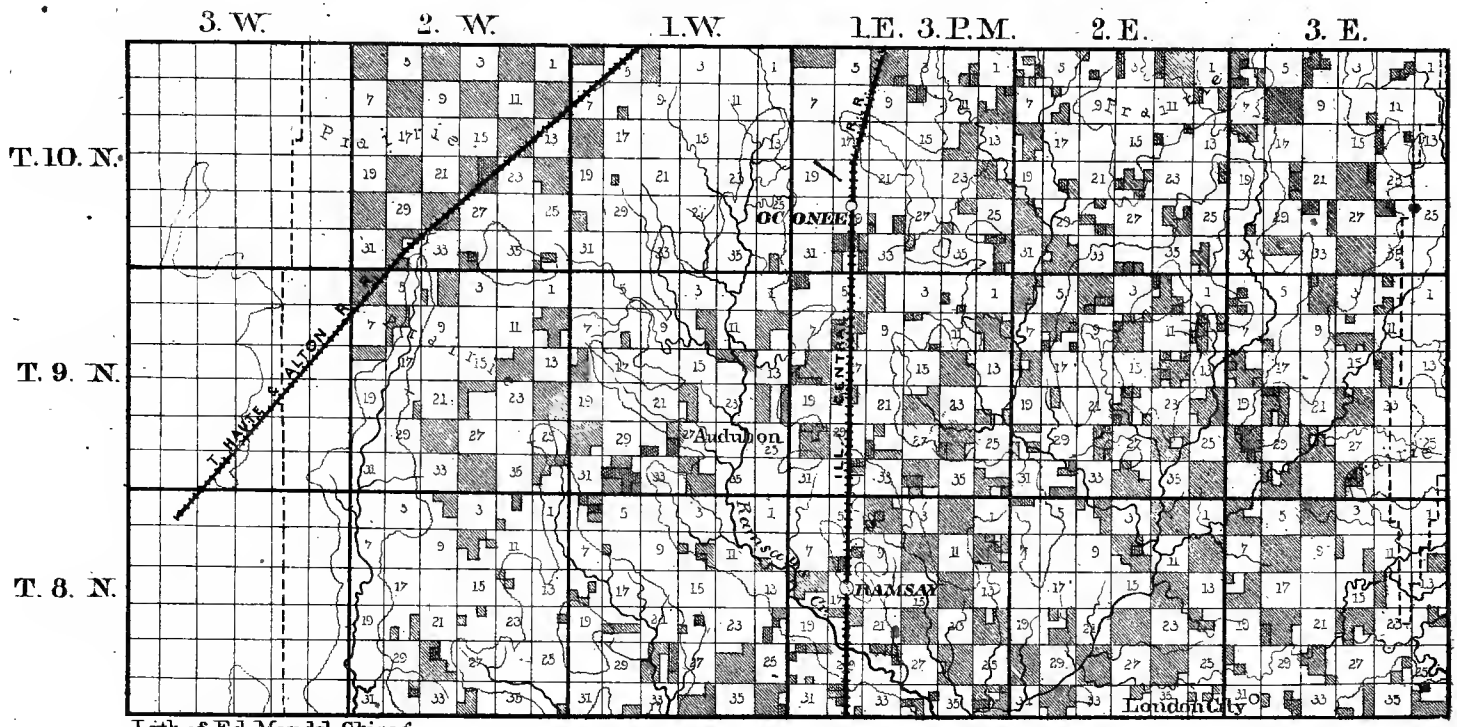

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PLATE N°9

PANA, TACUSAH. Fine prairie lands well supplied with timber along the edges of the streams. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad passes through at Pana. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

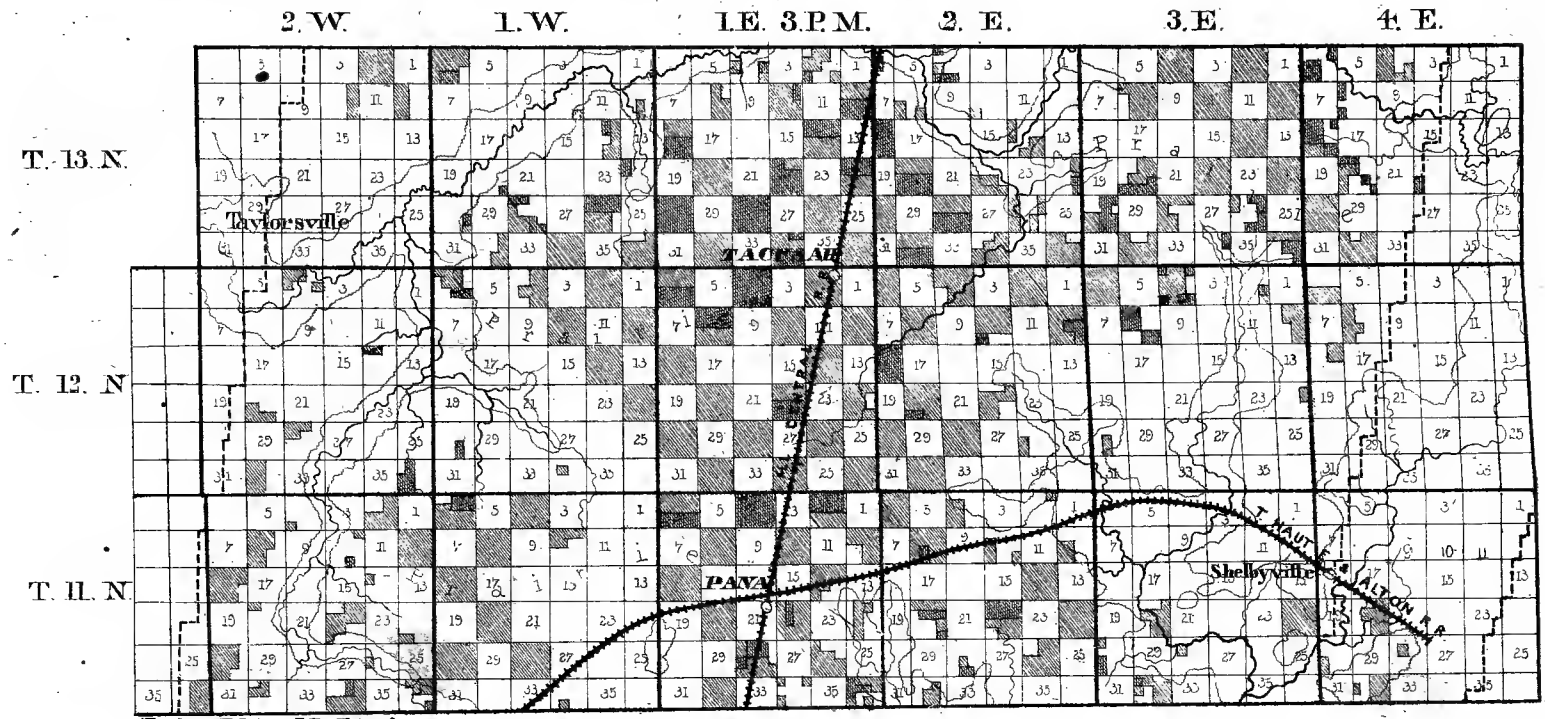

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PLATE No 10

DECATUR, MACON, MOAWEQUA, STONINGTON, MT AUBURN. Rich prairie country, well timbered. Decatur rapidly growing. The Illinois Central, Great Western and Indiana Central Railroads intersect here. Watered by the Sangamon River and branches. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

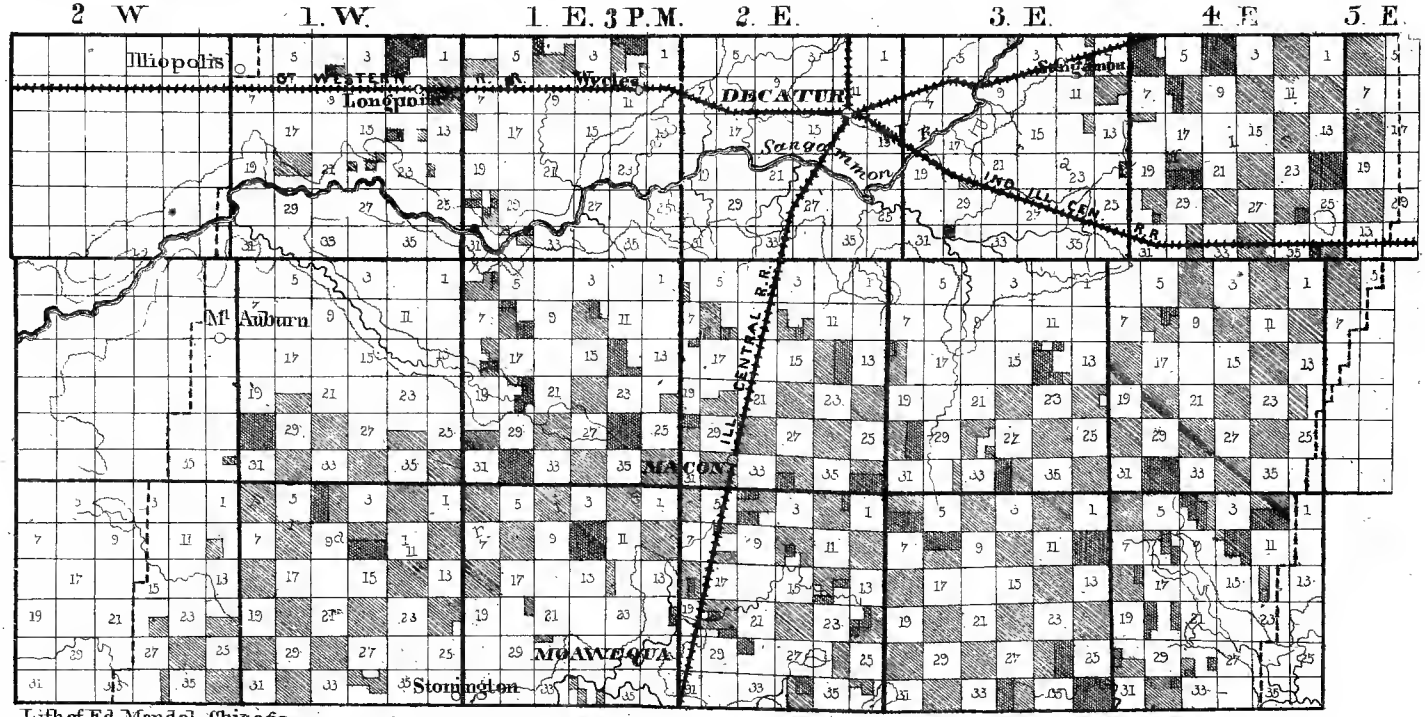

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PLATE N°III.

MAROA. Gently rolling, rich prairie lands, well watered. Streams fringed with Hickory, Elm, Walnut and Paw Paw. A beautiful country, highly adapted to agriculture. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

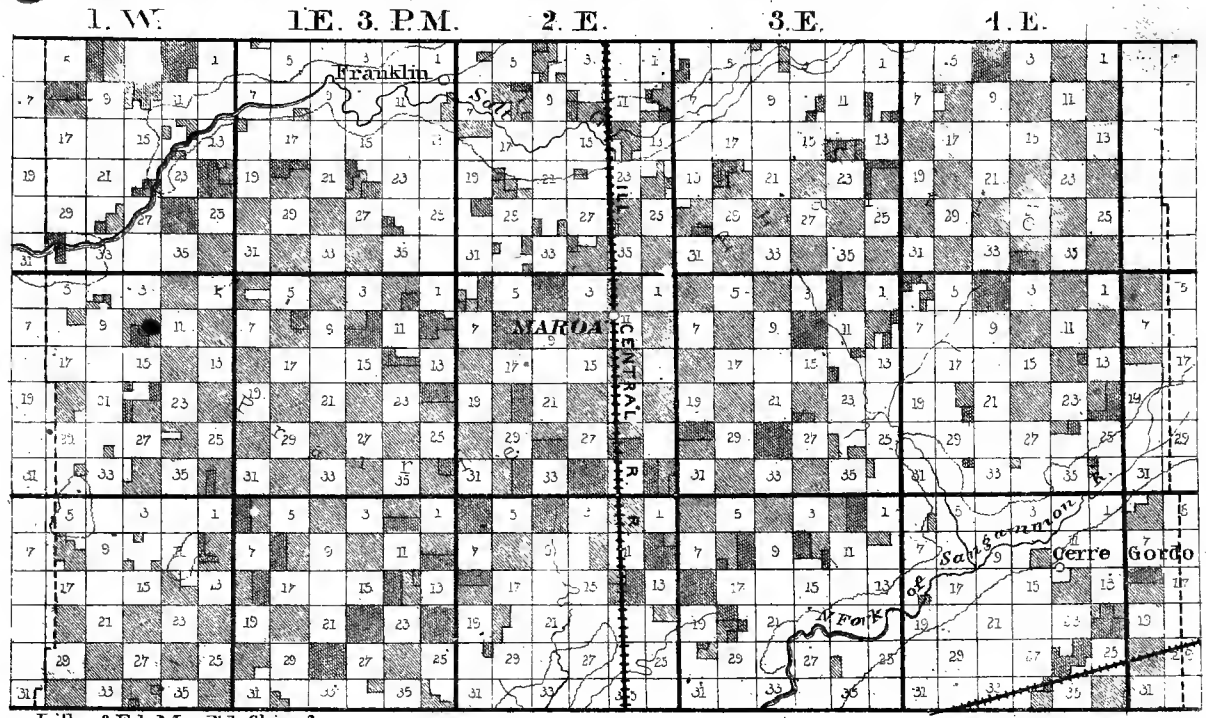

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PLATE N°12

WAPELLAH, CLINTON, ELMWOOD. Rolling, rich prairie, well supplied with groves of timber, and well watered by Sugar Creek and the Kickapoo. At Wapellah the Company have a splendid brick Hotel; also an expensive Engine and Freight House. The second run of engines from the south terminates here. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

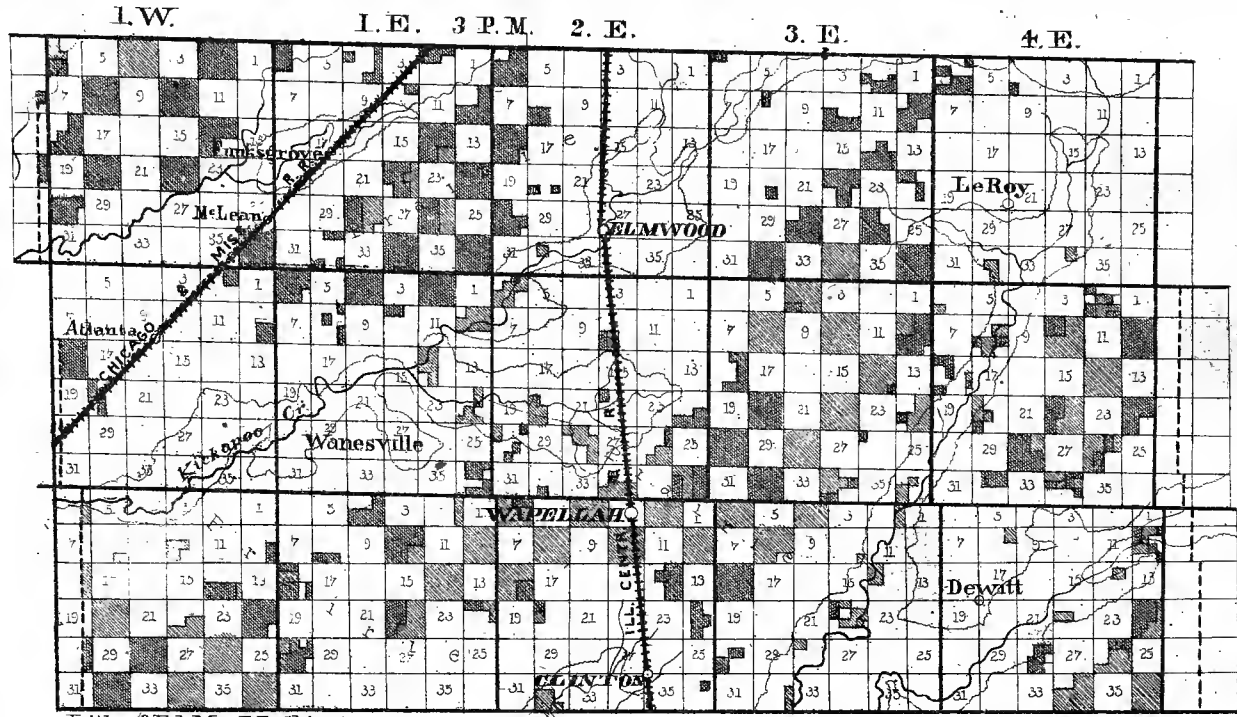

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PLATE N°13

BLOOMINGTON. The County seat A beautiful, fertile and rolling farming country, well populated by an industrious and wealthy class of citizens, and well watered and supplied with timber. Admirably adapted to settlement. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

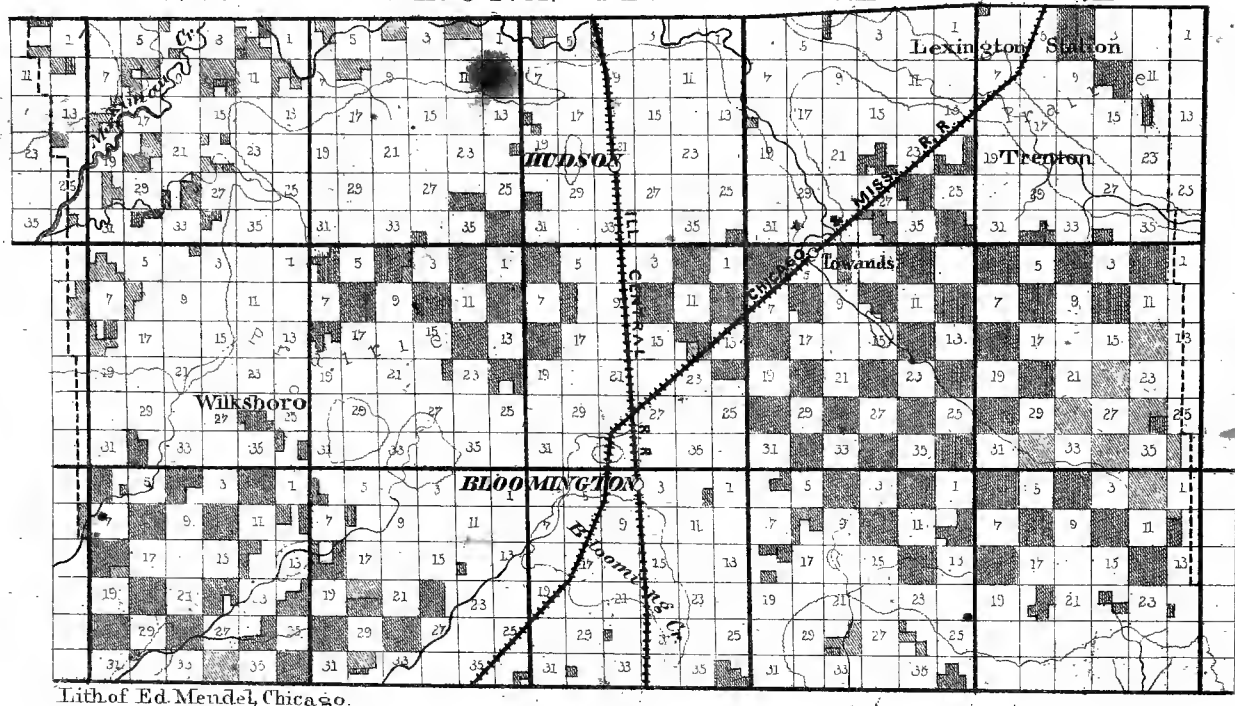

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PLATE No 14

MINOUK, PANOLA, KAPPA. Rich, rolling prairie land. Timber in groves on creeks. Well watered by Panther creek, and other streams. The Peoria and Oquawka Railroad crosses south of Panola. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

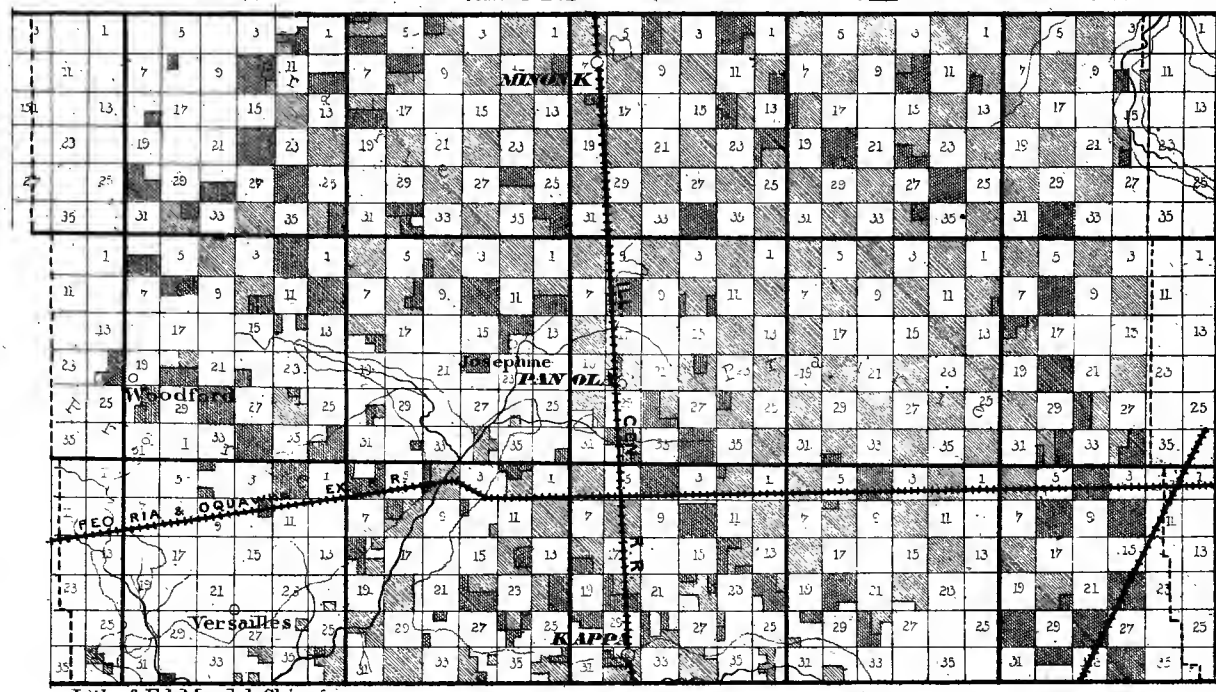

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PLATE No. 15

WENONA. Level and rolling prairie, deep and rich soil, well adapted to cultivation and grazing; occasionally interspersed with timber, and well watered. The Fort Wayne and Lacon Railroads intersect the Central Railroad at Wenona. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

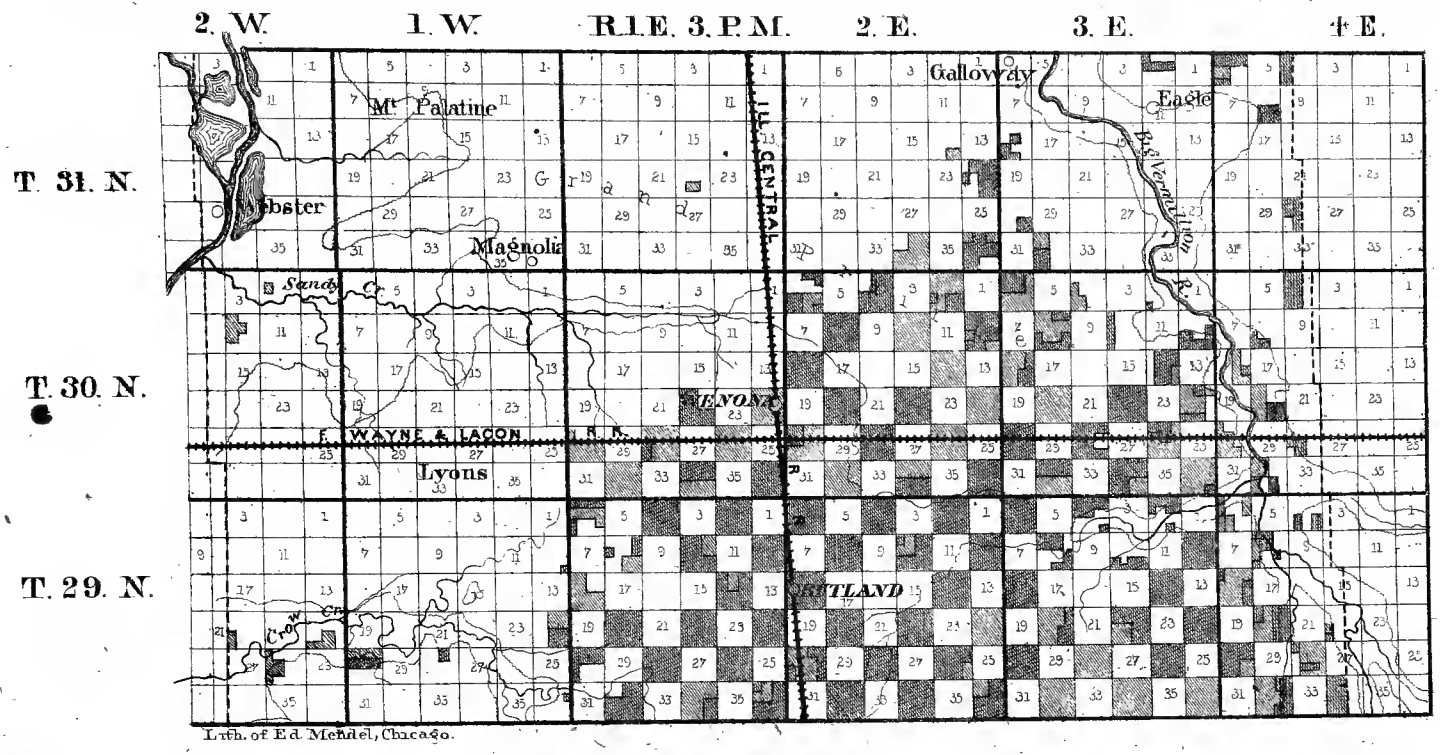

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PLATE No16

LA SALLE. Junction of Ill. Central and Rock Island Railroads; also Intersection of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, Central Military Tract Railroad through the North West. Watered by the Illinois and Big Vermillion Rivers. The great belt of Coal passing through the centre of the State is found extensively here, and ranges a long distance, east and west. The Company have but little land here. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

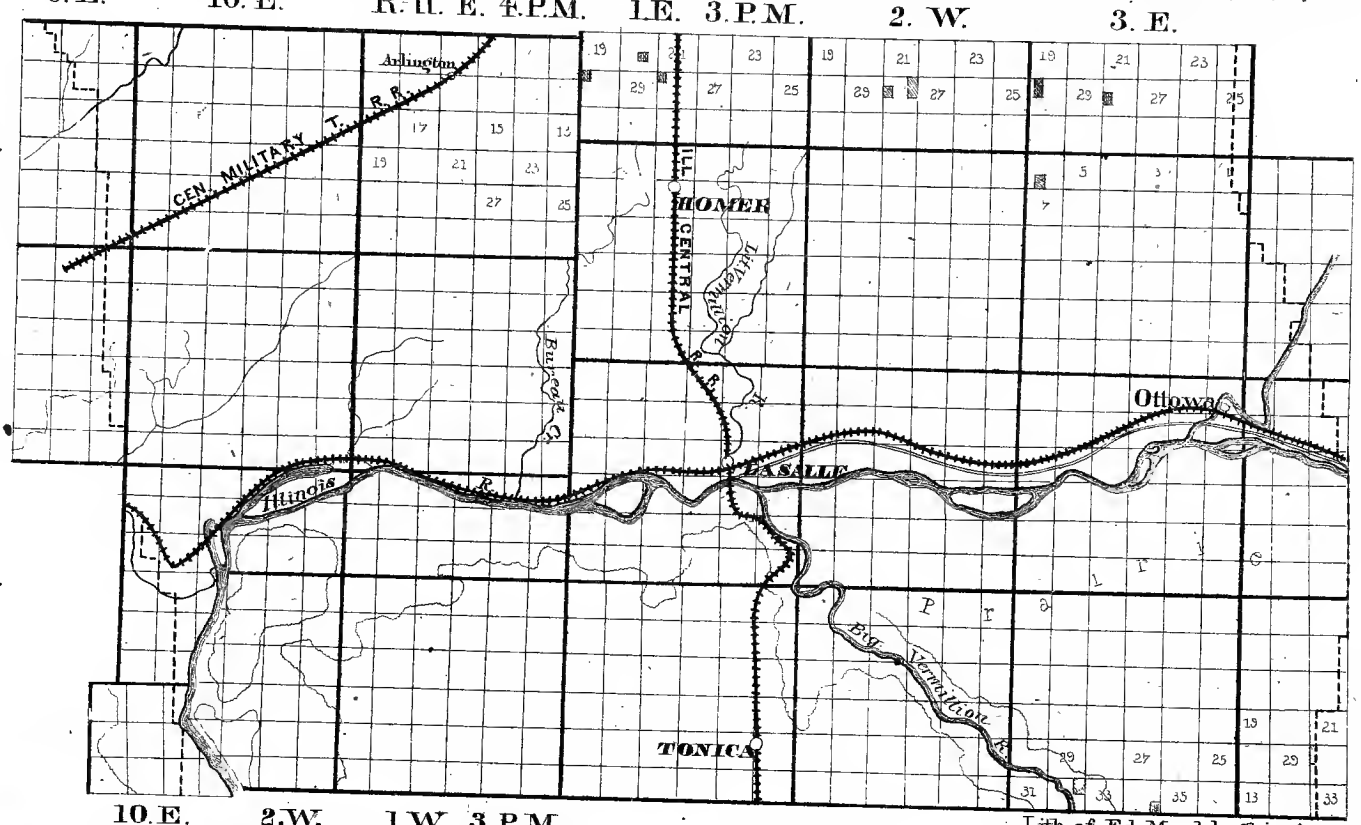

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PLATE No 17

AMBOY. The Company have extensive work shops here. Town increasing rapidly MENDOTA. Junction of the Illinois Central, Military Tract and Aurora Branch Railroads.
Country, high, rolling farm land, occasionally interspersed with timber. Good water power. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate
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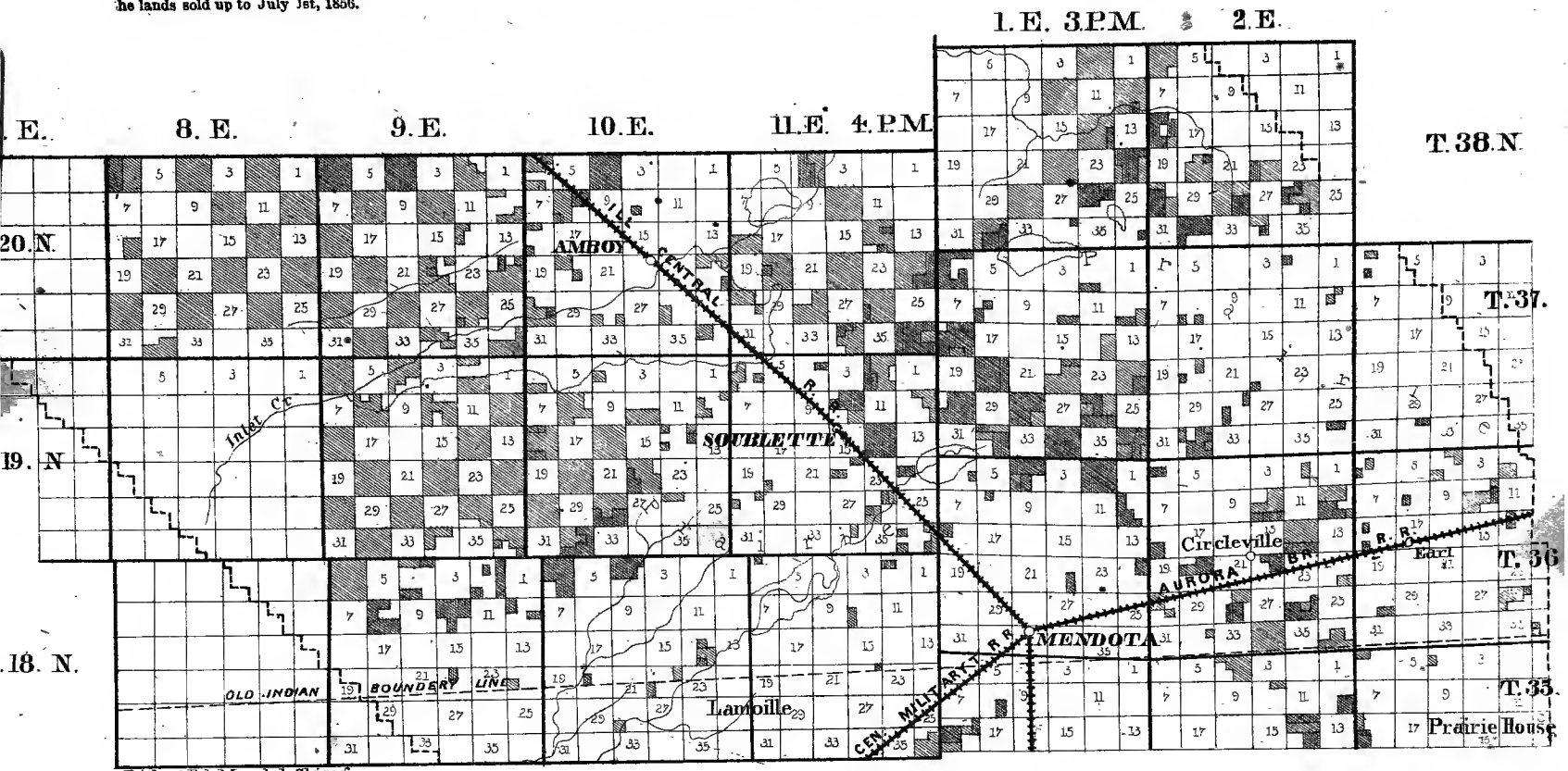

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PLATE N°18

DIXON. A beautiful and rapidly improving town. Country well settled throughout and increasing in population. Excellent agricultural land, well watered by Rock River and branches. The Galena and Chicago Air Line intersects at Dixon. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

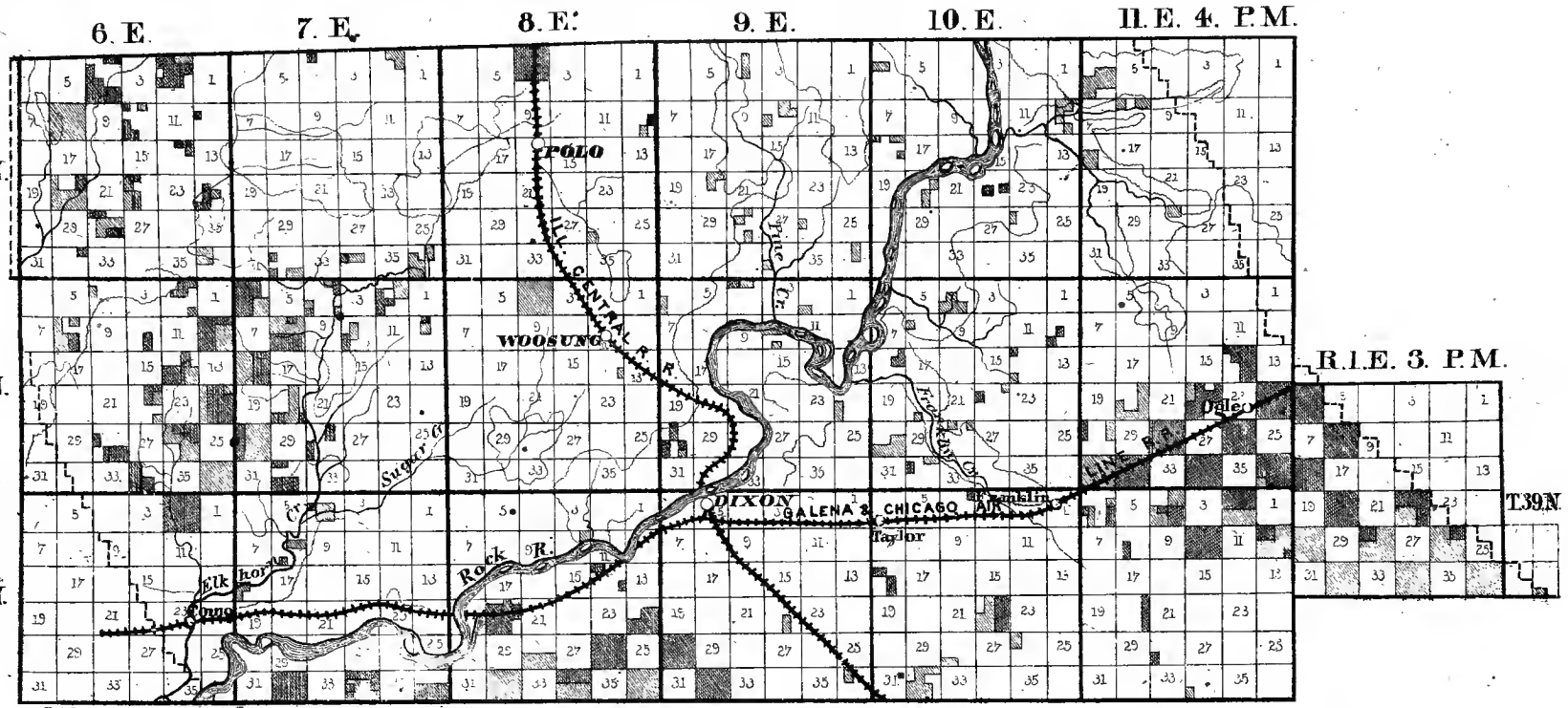

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PLATE No 19

FORRESTON. High, dry and upland prairie, interspersed with timber, well watered and well adapted to cultivation. The Rock River passes through the south-east part. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

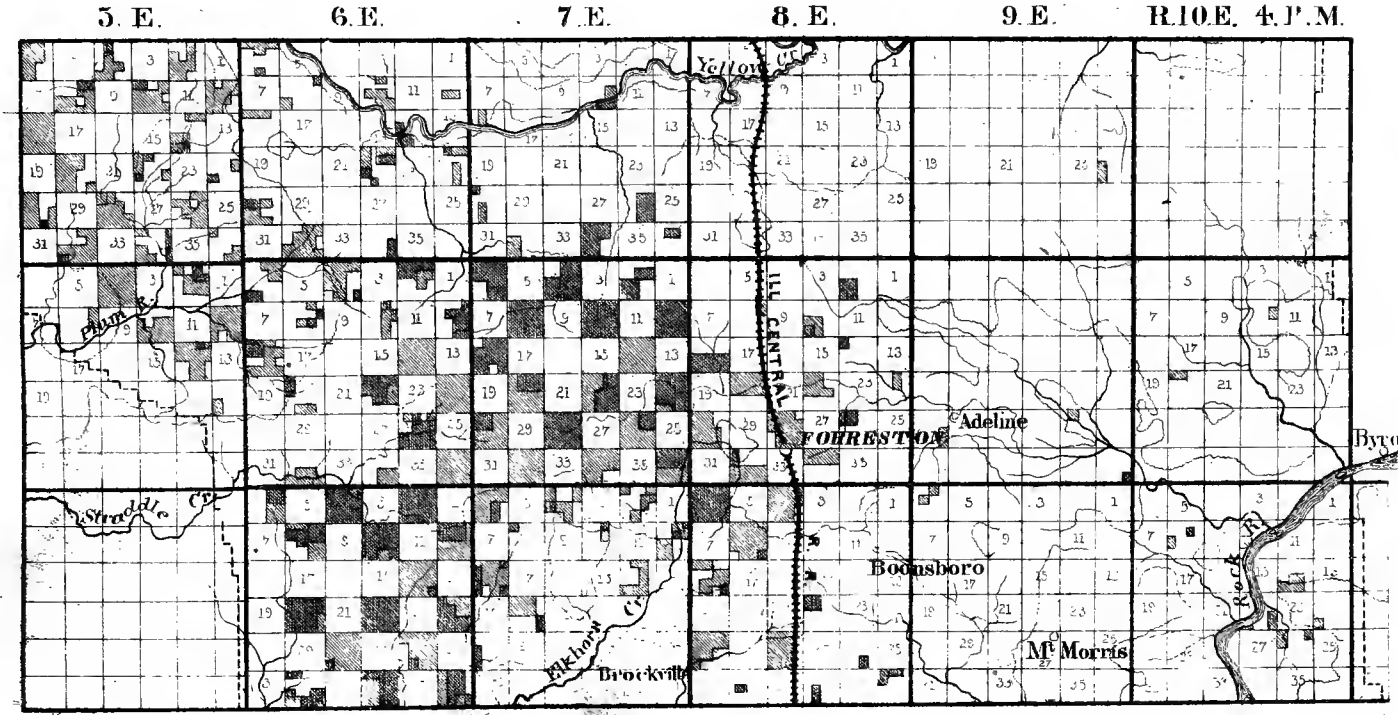

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PLATE N°20.

FREEPORT. A large and flourishing town surrounded with a magnificent country, well settled. The Galena and Chicago Union Railroad intersects the Illinois Central at this point. Country well watered by the Pecatonica and tributaries. LENA and NORA. Stations in a beautiful country, the nucleus of villages. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

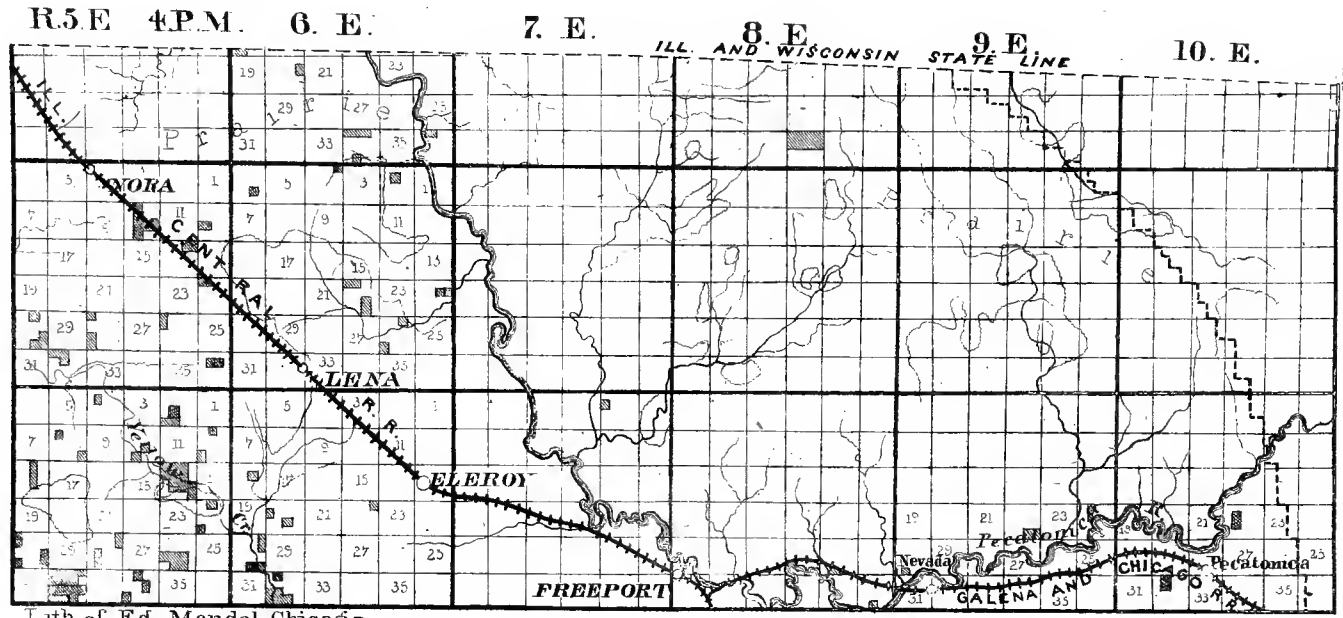

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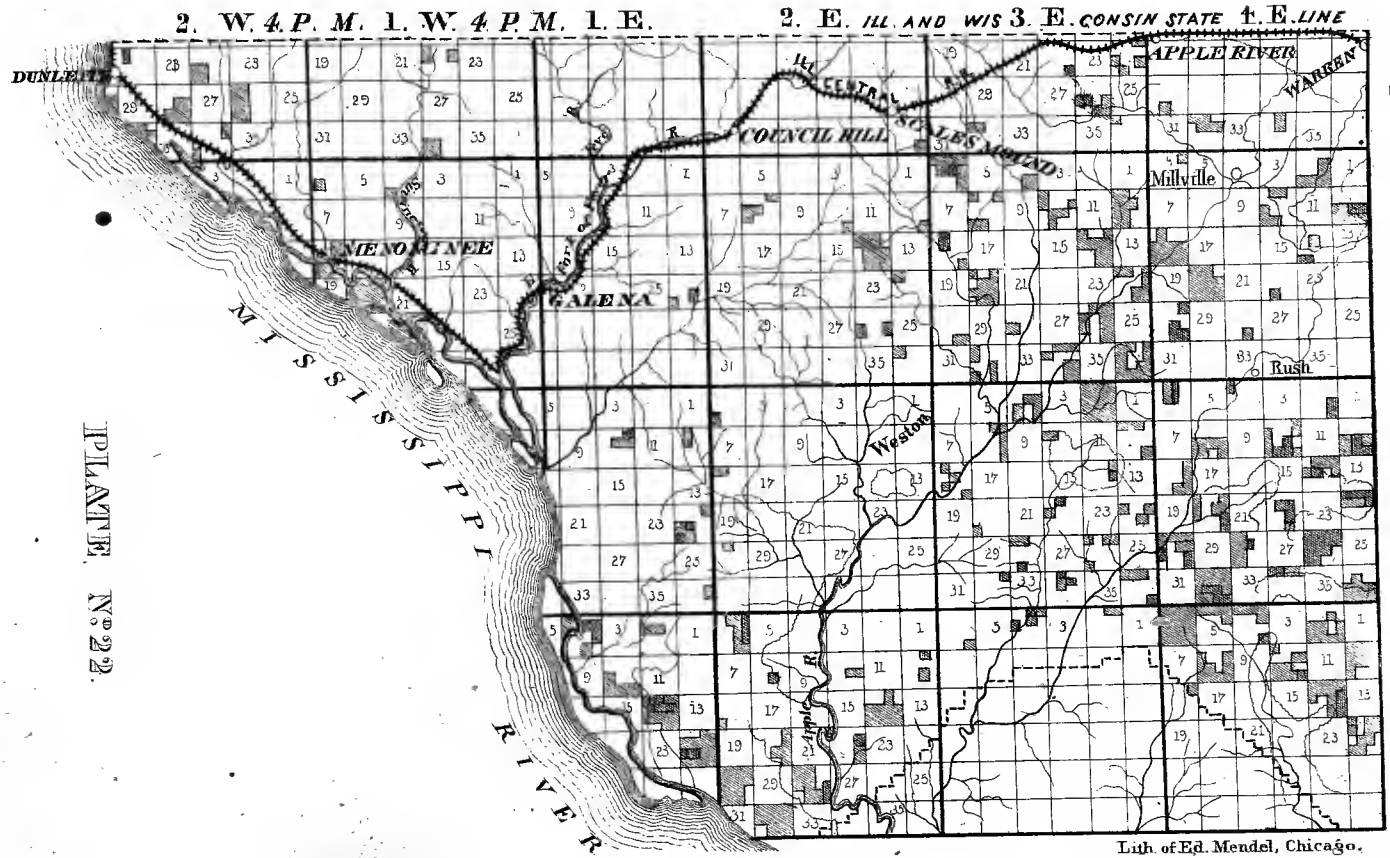
PLATE № 21

DUNLEITH. The northern terminus of the Railroad on the Mississippi, 300 miles below St. Paul, opposite Dubuque. Merchandize for the northern Mississippi and Iowa is shipped here. A fine Hotel located here. A rapidly growing country. GALENA. The centre of the Mineral Region. Fine agricultural soil throughout the section. Daily line of steamers leave Dunleith for St. Paul. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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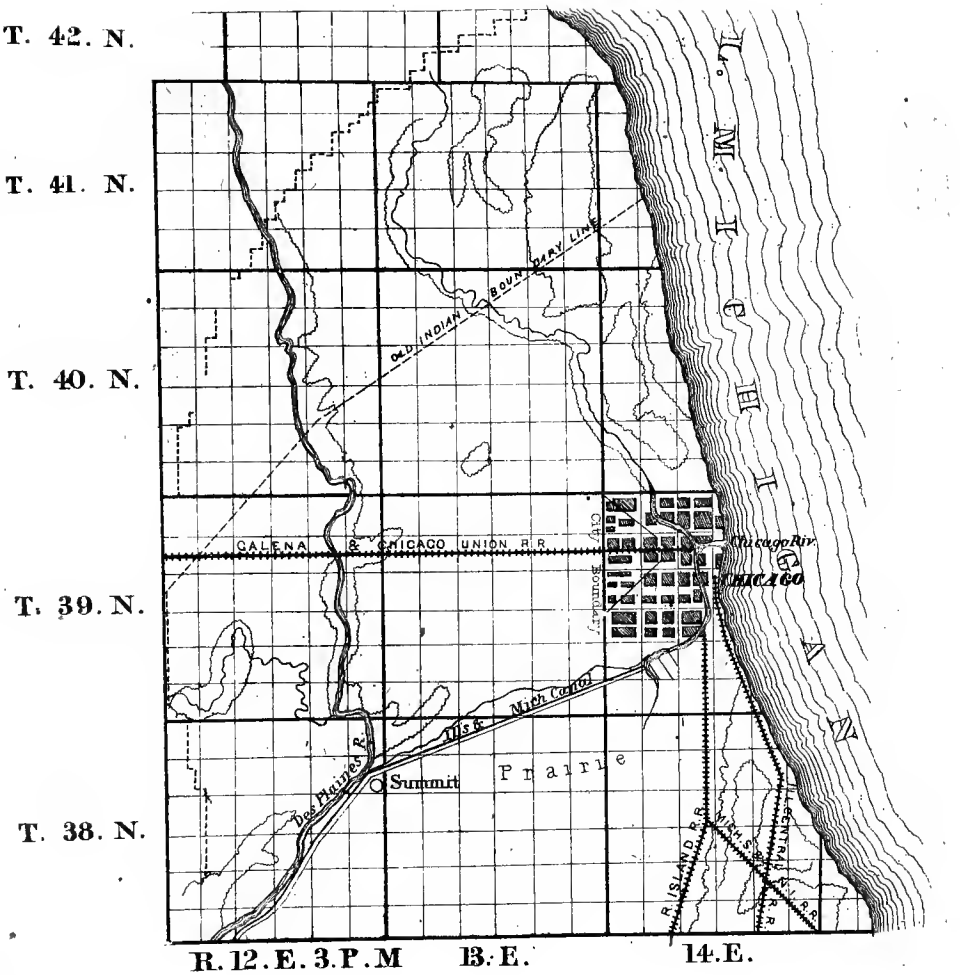

PLATE A.

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THORNTON. RICH. The land is level and rich. With ditching, will be adapted to grazing, and the supplying of Chicago with milk, vegetables and corn. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

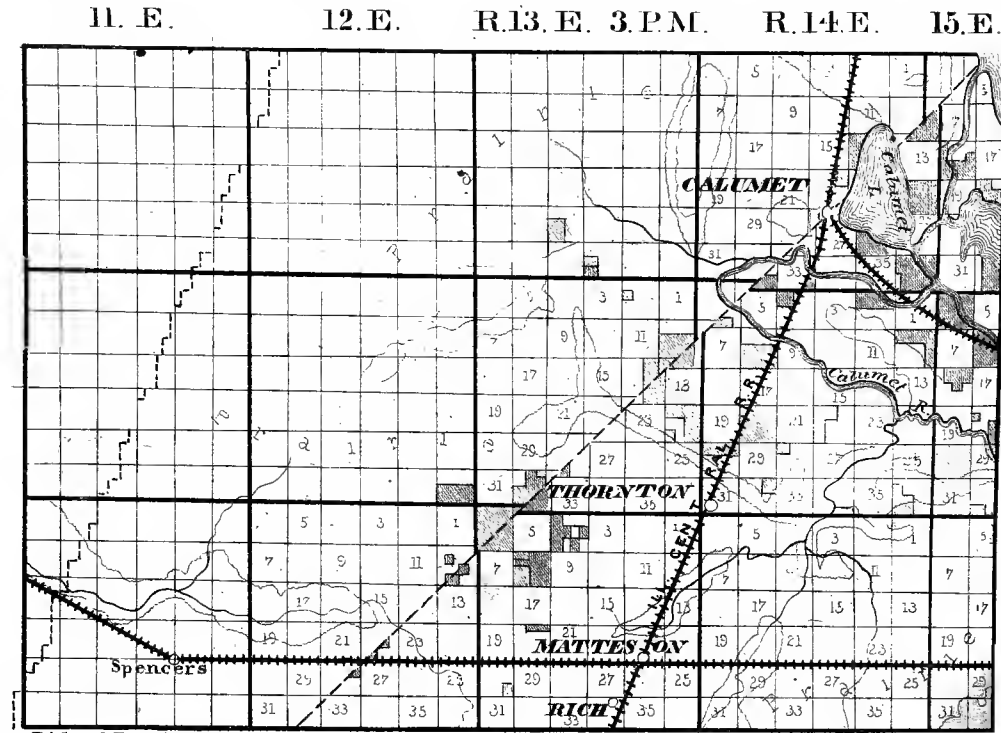

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PLATE Nº 23

MONEE. MANTENO. Splendid rolling prairie. Rich, deep, black soil, well adapted to cultivation. Extremely valuable, owing to its vicinity to the Chicago market. A fine sulphur spring in township 32, R. 10, E. A high mound in Section 22, T. 34, N. 12 E.; also a high mound in Section 24, T. 33, N. 12 E. The shaded tracts indicate the Illinois Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

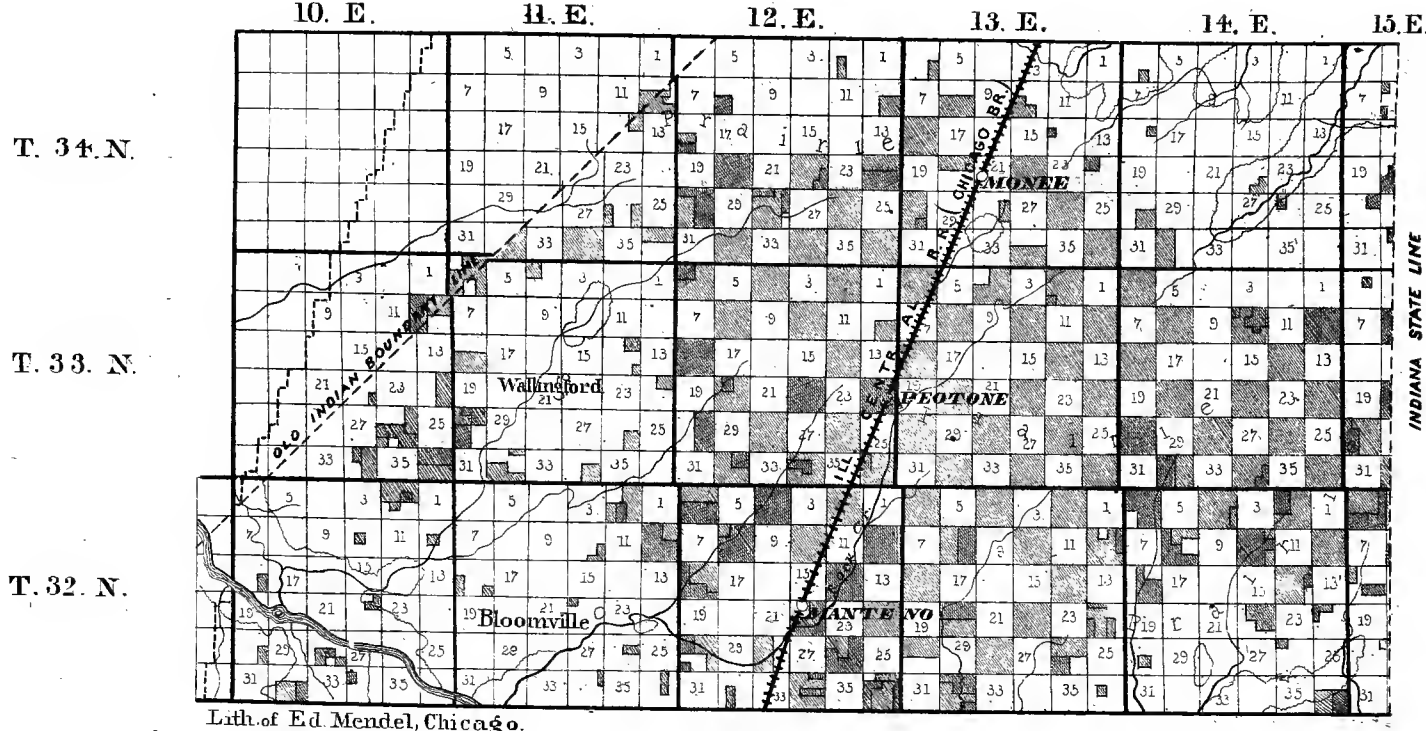

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PLATE No. 24

BOURBONNAIS. The County seat of Kankakee County, near to the junction of Iroquois and Kankakee Rivers. A beautiful prairie country, well watered and timbered; settled partially by an industrious French population. The new town at the Railroad Station has grown entirely since the completion of the Railroad. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

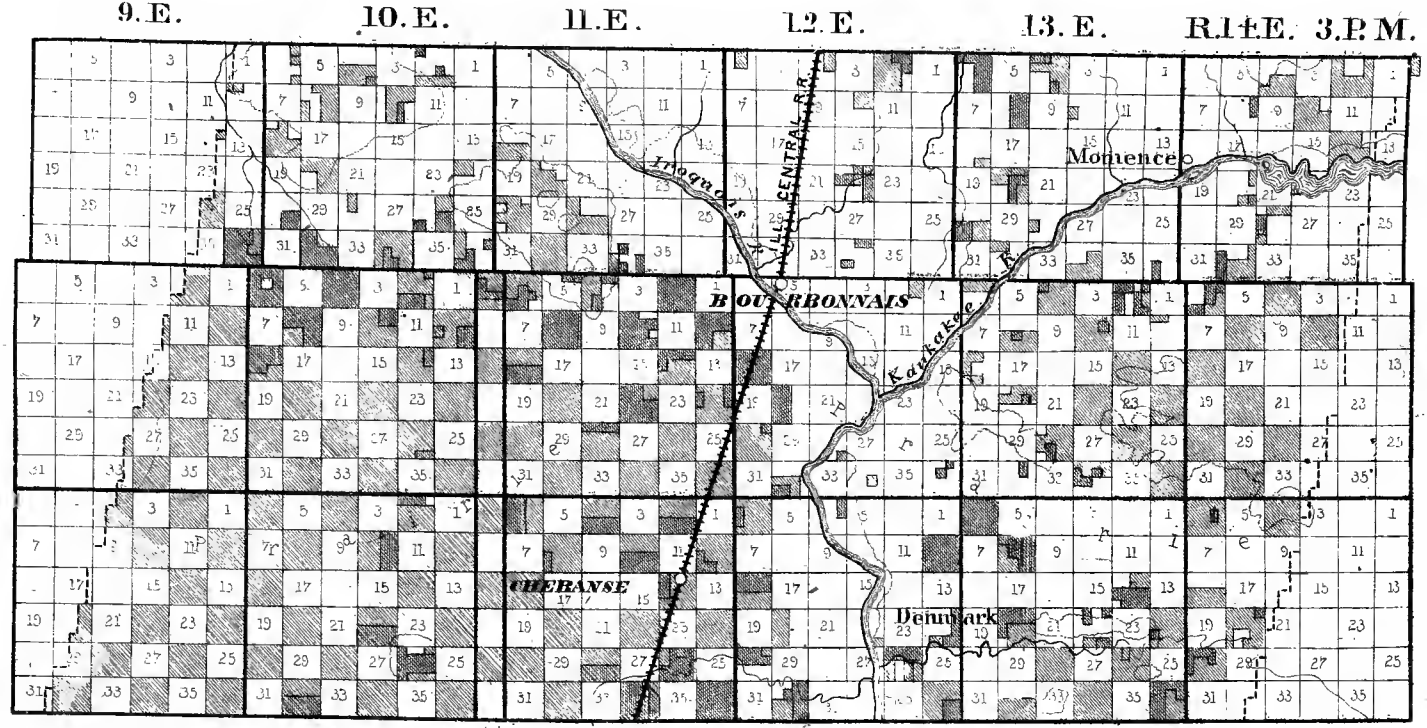

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PLATE No 25

ASHKUM. ONARGA. Rich, gently rolling prairie, well adapted to grazing. Streams well fringed with Ash, Elm, Oak, &c. Fine living springs are numerously found, pouring into the Iroquois River. A high mound in Section 12, T. 28, R. 13. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Land. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.

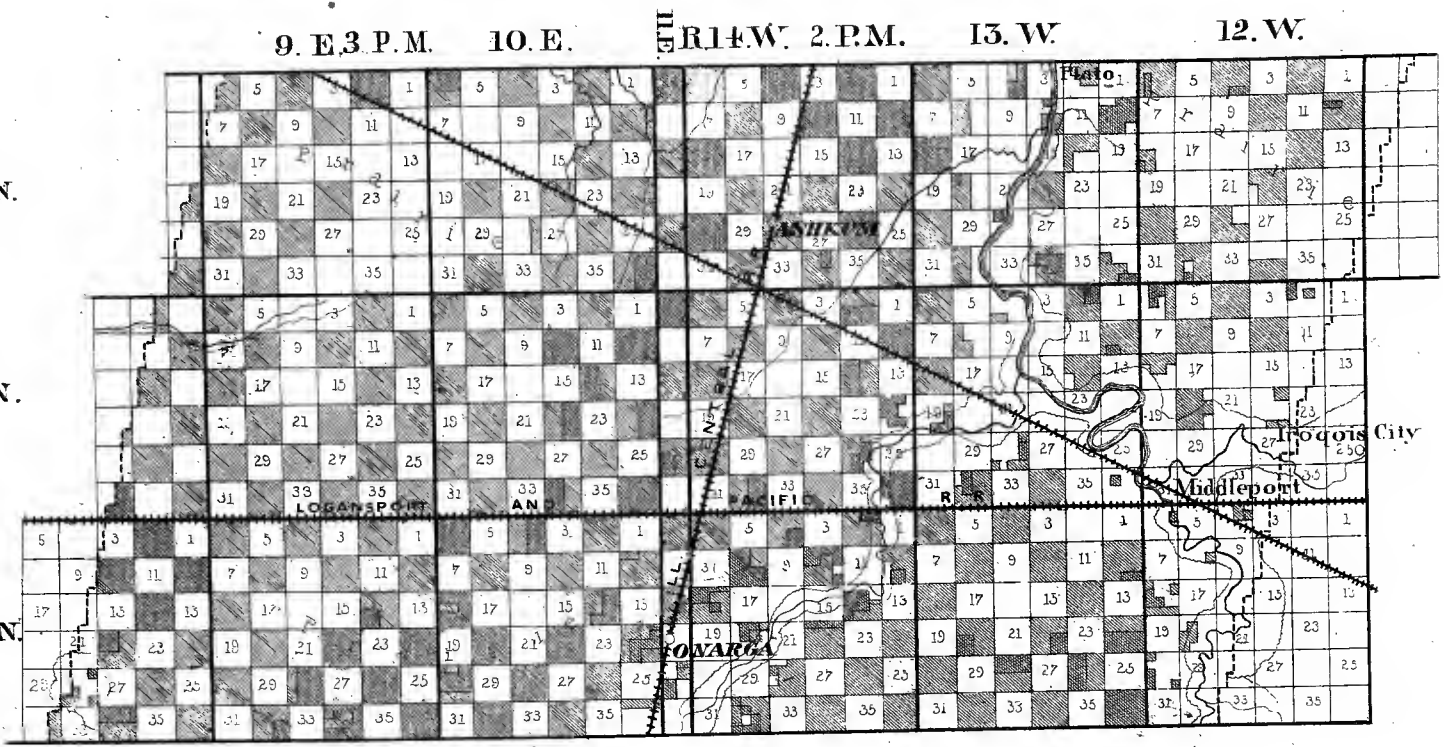

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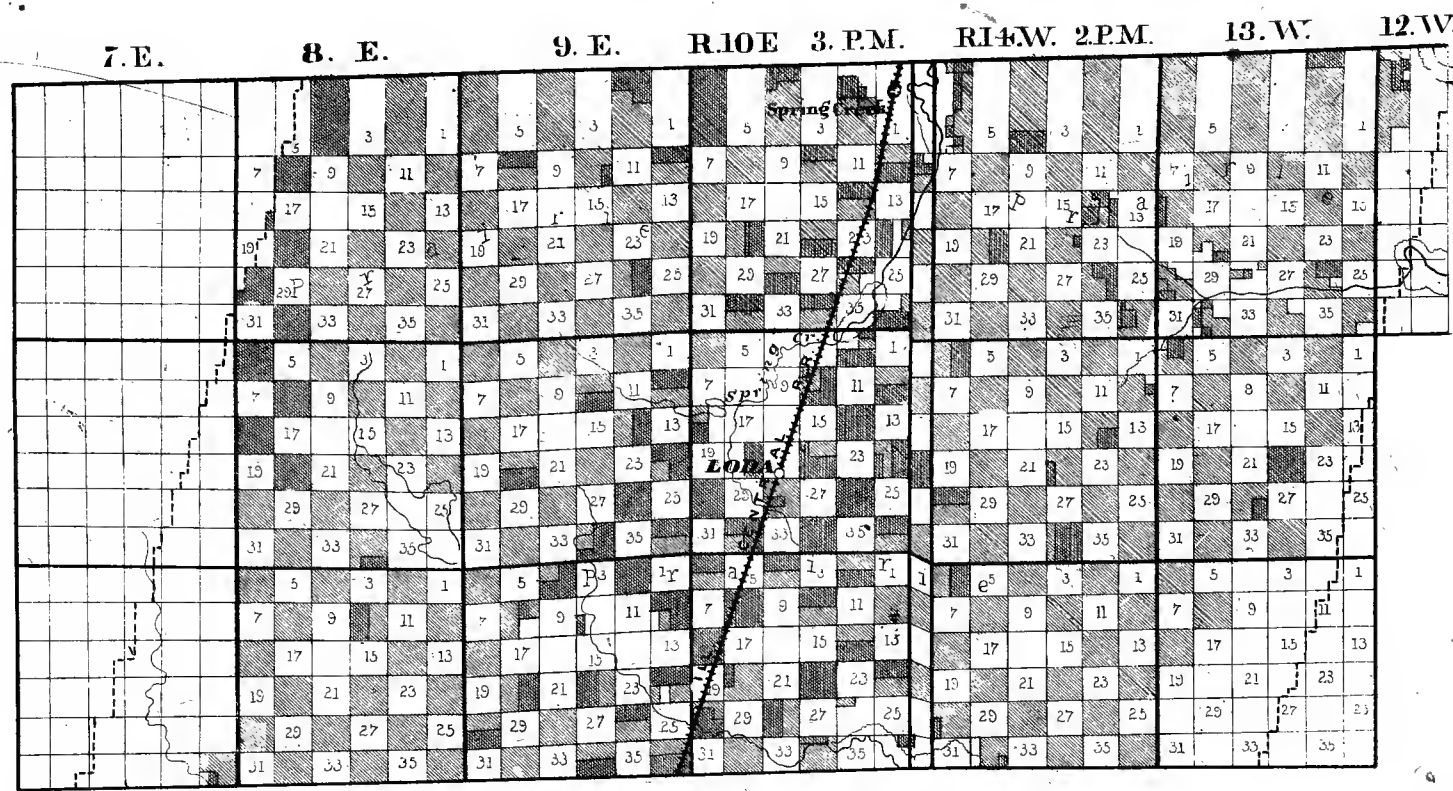
PLATE № 26

LODI. Beautiful rolling prairie land, thinly interspersed with timber; well adapted to grazing and cultivation. Watered by a number of streams. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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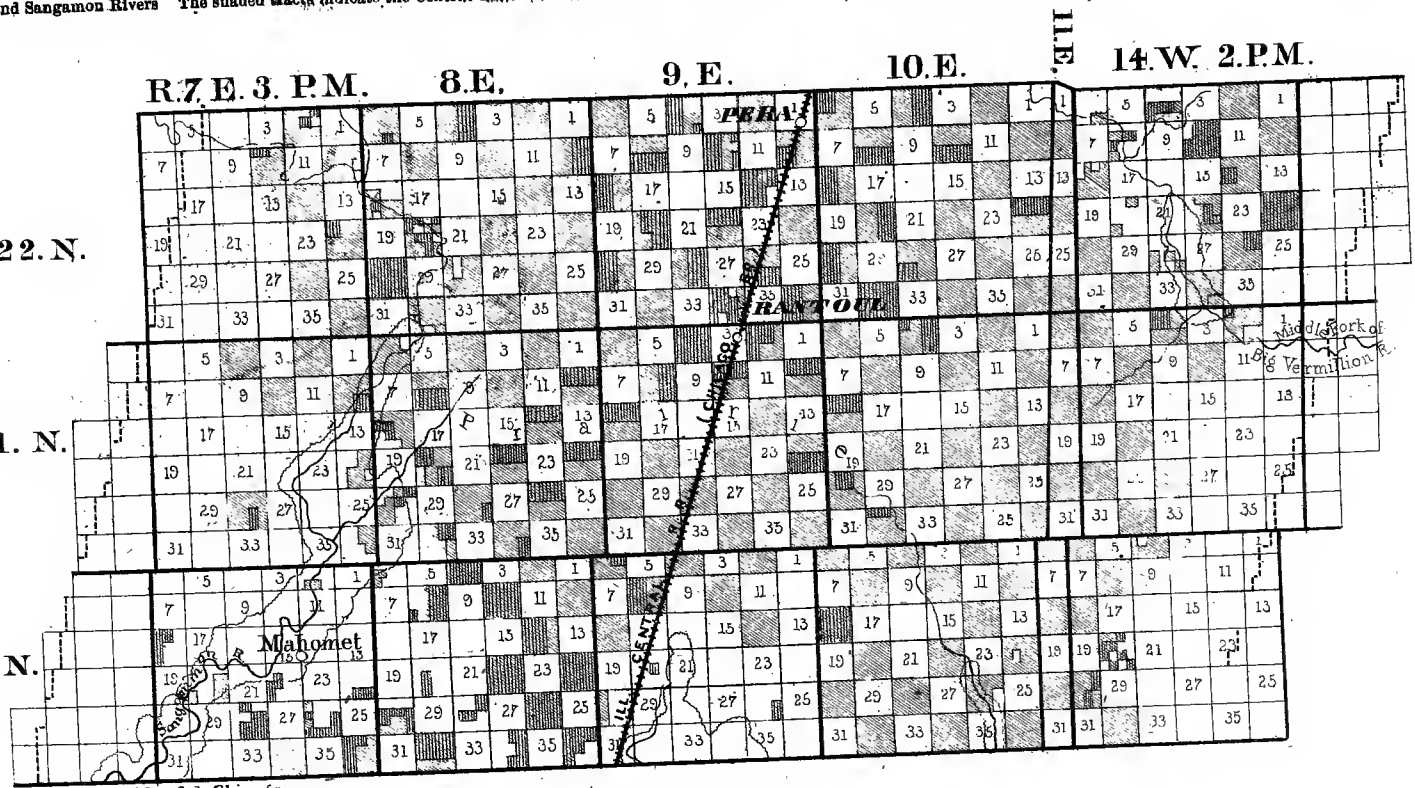
RANTOUL. Vast prairie, highly adapted to grazing and raising stock. PERA. A beautiful location for a town. Land high and rolling, and watered by the Big Vermillion and Sangamon Rivers The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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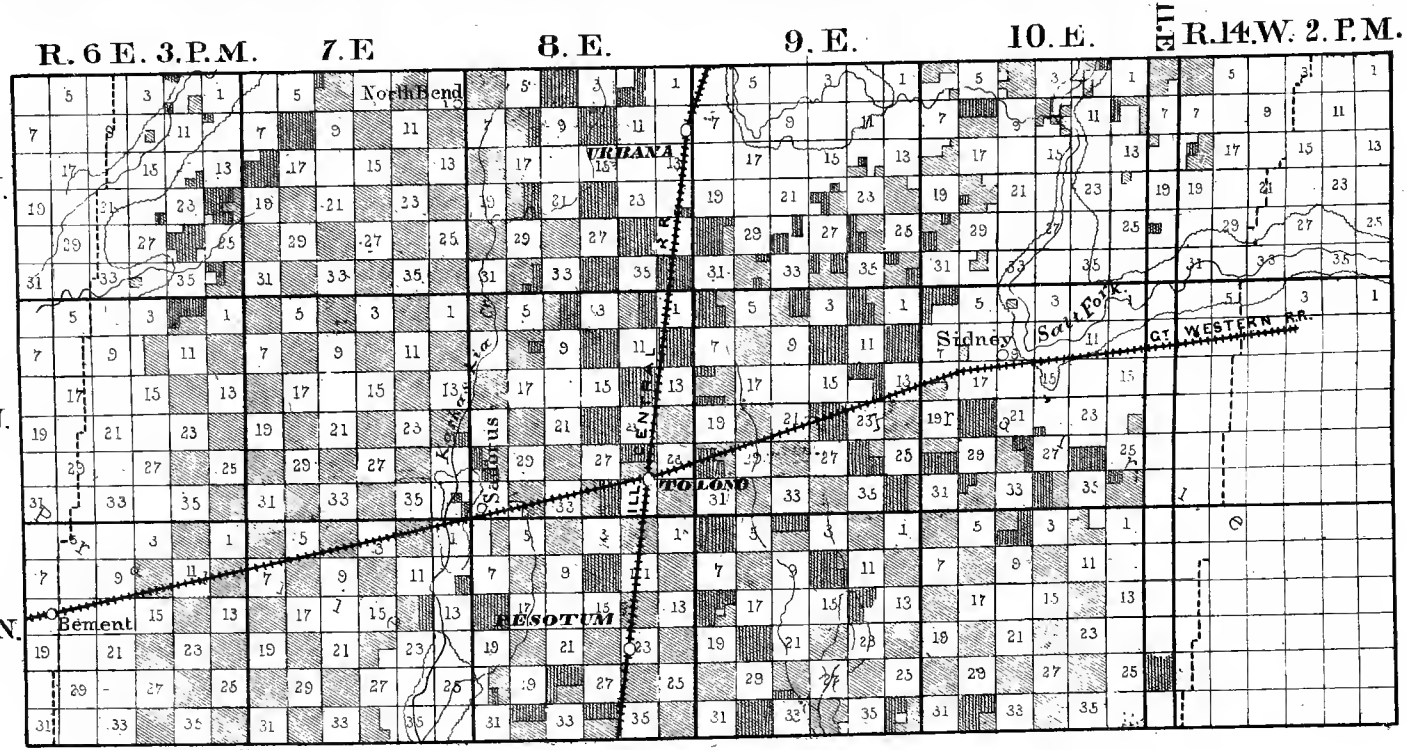
URBANA. A flourishing town, rapidly growing. Extensive repair, engine, and machine shops, well built of brick, are located here. The Great Western Railroad crosses south of Urbana, and will bring into the Illinois Central *coal* from the Danville coal fields at a reasonable price for consumption on the line of road. The whole country is in the highest degree fertile and well wooded. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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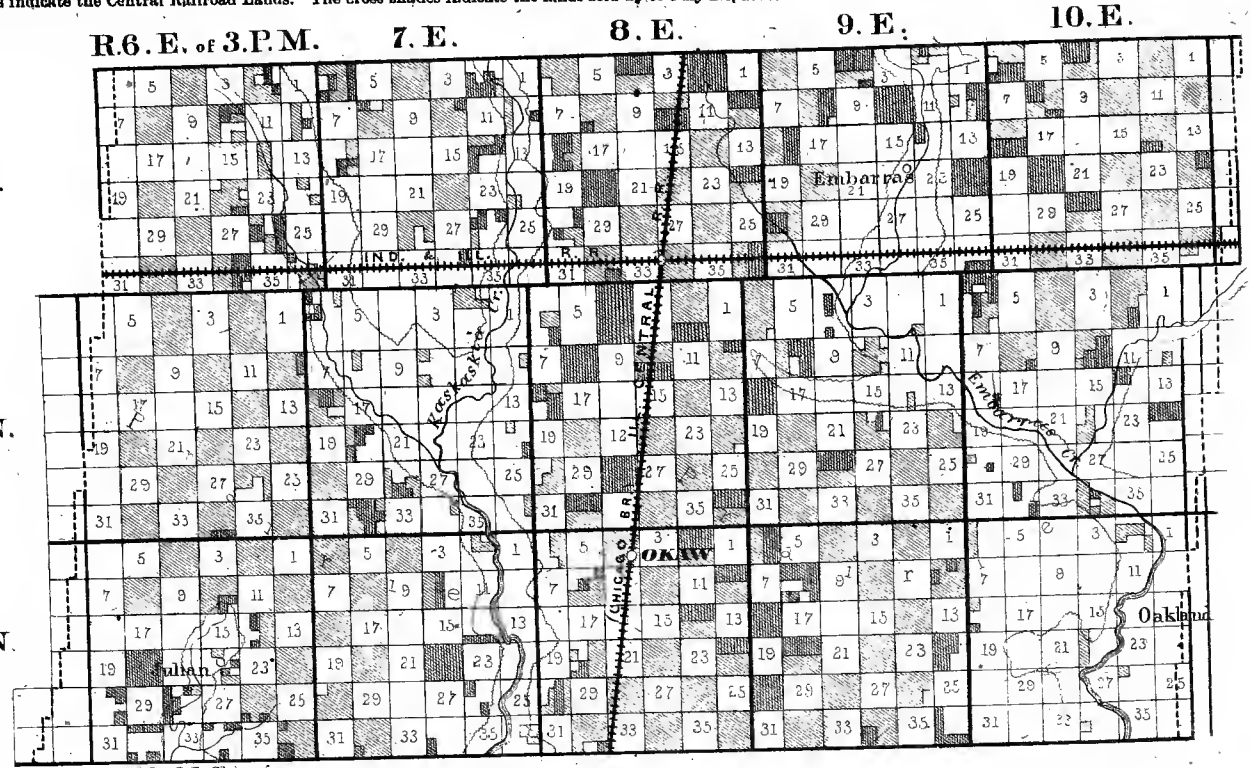
OKAW. Rich, rolling prairie. The Indiana and Illinois Railroad passes north of Okaw. Country well watered by the Kaskaskia and branches. Streams fringed with timber. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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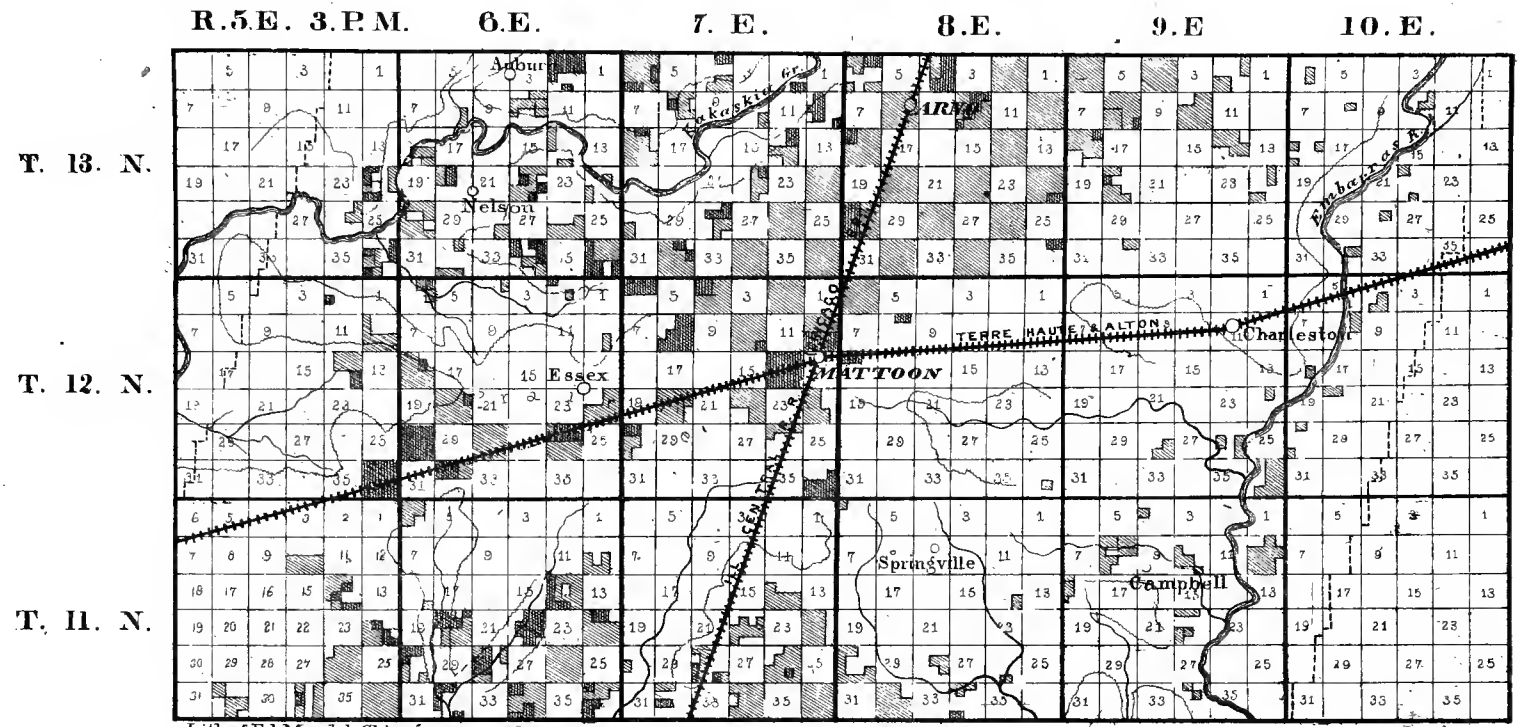
ARNO. Prairie and wood land rich and fertile. The Terre Haute and Alton Railroad intersects south of Arno. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1855.



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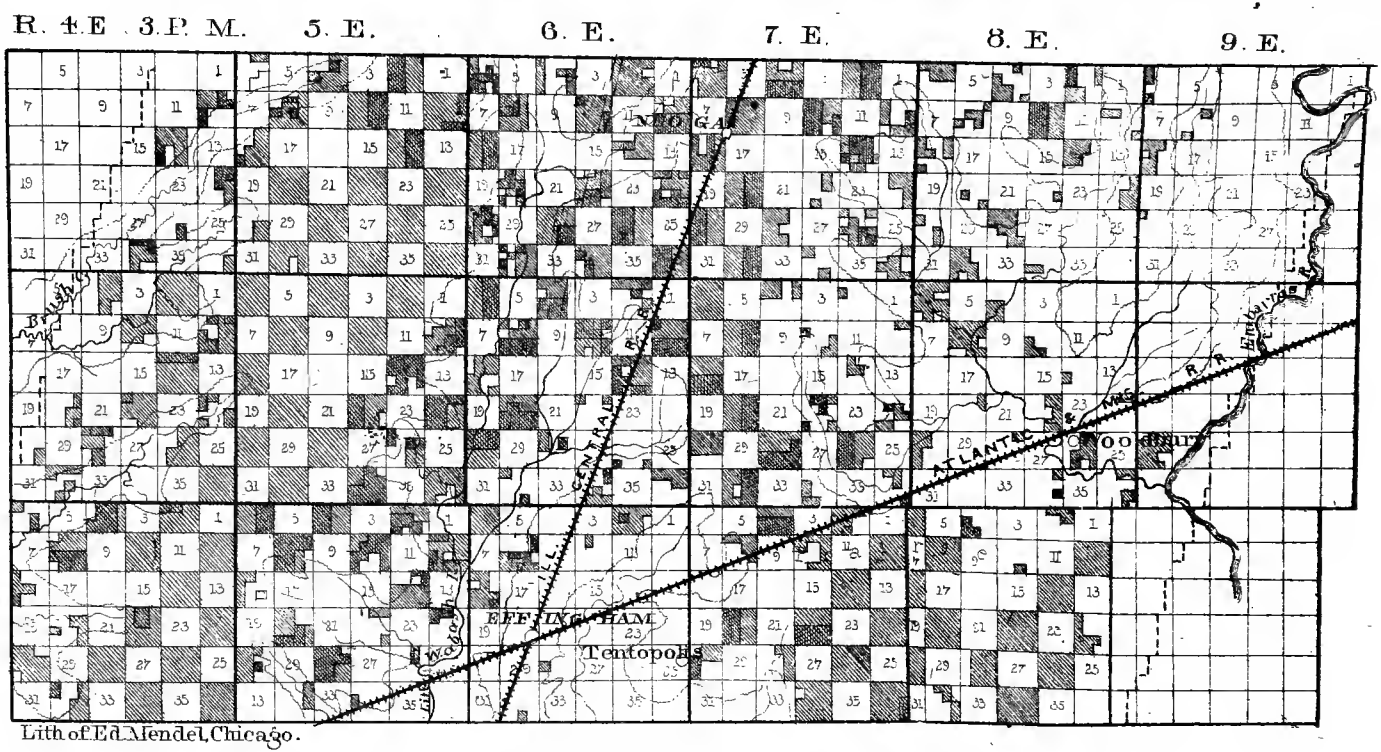
EFFINGHAM. NEOGA. Rolling, rich prairie, well supplied with streams and fine groves of timber. An excellent farming country. The National Road passes through Effingham. The shaded tracts indicate the Central Railroad Lands. The cross shades indicate the lands sold up to July 1st, 1856.



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